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American Loan Almost Exhausted, Says Dalton

Opposition Motion On Crisis Debate Defeated

London, Aug. 7.—The United States loan to Britain will probably be exhausted in the month of October, Mr Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the House of Commons today. Is the nation prepared to tighten its belt still further to implement the crisis measures proposed by the Cabinet?

The cuts that Mr Attlee proposed yesterday would, he hoped, somewhat extend the period, Mr Dalton added, indicating that there would still remain about \$500,000,000 Canadian credit and also gold and dollar reserves standing at about £600,000,000.

Enter Mr Churchill

Will Assail Govt On Friday

London, August 8.—Mr Winston Churchill on Thursday night offered a House of Commons motion to throw out the Labour government's request for almost unlimited powers to deal with Britain's economic crisis.

The motion, brought forward in the former Prime Minister's absence at the height of a crucial state of the nation debate on the government's rigorous strength through sacrifice programme, took Parliament and the country by surprise.

It was followed by the disclosure that the ailing Churchill himself, who had intended to take no active part in Parliamentary affairs until the session which begins in October, would assail the government personally on Friday for asking for unlimited and undefined powers.

Parliament's adjournment for the summer recess has been postponed from Friday until next Wednesday to allow time for passing the crisis bill which reinforces and extends the government's power, retained after the war ended, to direct labour and management alike.

Conservative spokesmen said that their party would vote solidly against the measure in view of Churchill's stand, but the bill appeared certain to pass since the Labour Party majority, despite some Left Wing criticisms, was lined up solidly for it.

Asking Conservative leader, Mr Anthony Eden, criticised the government's new programme of military retrenchment, slashed imports and fresh goods to industrial revival as just a hasty improvisation ill considered and incomplete.

"In many spheres we are called on to consider not policies but hopes," he declared.—Associated Press.

Mr Dalton said that the American loan had stalled off for over a year the "great storm" which now faced Britain.

In a speech of nearly two hours, opening the second day of the debate on the economic state of the nation, Mr Dalton gave no details of the forthcoming "high level" talks between Britain and the United States on the dollar problem, but spoke of "the rapid growth of dollar starvation all over the world."

He reserved Britain's right to draw on the International Monetary Fund, but thought the right approach was to take up with other governments at the next annual meeting the question of whether the proposals of the Fund should not be extended and modified.

One of the drawbacks about the advances from the Fund at present was that they carried with them a rate of interest, rising as the length of the advance is extended. After the principal Opposition speakers had challenged the Government on the motion for the adjournment of the House of Commons, the formal motion on which the debate took place, the Government secured another victory when the Opposition motion was defeated by 318 votes to 170.

"INADEQUATE"

Sir John Anderson, Mr Dalton's predecessor as Chancellor of the Exchequer, declared that Mr Attlee's "announcement yesterday was inadequate and disappointing."

Attacking the Government for having aggravated the situation, Sir John said that the introduction of family allowances and the increased old age pensions had been hasty in a period of excessive purchasing power and deficient production.

The raising of the school leaving age was reducing the labour pool, he added.

Wage increases and shorter hours of work were "an offence against the State," he said. "All these things are eminently desirable if we can afford them," he said, and added, in response to interruptions from the Government benches, that there was no question of class involved.

He described the loan as a "gigantic debt" and attacked the Government for "ill-considered" nationalisation measures which made no contribution to the relief of the present situation.

Among the remedies he proposed was a real balanced budget, not the "deficit" one which Mr Dalton

claimed. "It is essential that the Chancellor of the Exchequer should make a determined effort to deal with the running sore of food subsidies—the situation is as unsound and debilitated as if we were living on charity."

It was clear, Sir John Anderson declared, that some measure of controlled deflation was necessary, and the "inflationary pressure arising out of the termination of 'the great flow of free imports' would make this even more essential."

DEVALUATION

"Either the money value of our production must be brought to a lower level or the value of the money paid back for our production must be reduced. We must either have deflation or devaluation sooner or later."

Devaluation, he warned, would be inevitable if Britain's competitive power in foreign markets was impaired by excessive costs at home. Asking Mr Dalton to look again at his cheap-money policy, Sir John Anderson said that a good instrument had been ruined because the Government had been "too greedy and trying to go too fast."

He indicated that the Opposition did not believe the task which faced the Government was an impossible one.

Mr Clement Davies, leader of the Liberal Party, criticised the Government for lack of vision, "failure to see ahead the coming storms and stresses," and a lack of preparation to meet them.

He was disappointed with the Prime Minister's speech, which, he thought, "ought to have shown quite clearly how it was proposed to meet the situation."

There had been misuse of the resources of men and materials. Although he had urged the removal of slums for the last 20 years, he now thought that such schemes should be postponed. The country could not afford such non-productive expenditure.

HASTY IMPROVISATION

Mr Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary, winding up for the Opposition, also expressed disappointment with the Government's proposals, which he described as a "hasty improvisation, ill-considered and incomplete."

The Government's performance had been "wholly inadequate," he said. "They had stumbled undecided, unprepared and without a plan, into a crisis which they had not foreseen."

With the conflicting statements made by Ministers, how could the country have confidence in the Government's ability to understand the situation, or plan a way out, he asked.

He felt the country had only been given half the picture. It would not change the whole truth. "We cannot regard this hotch-potch of certain cuts and uncertain hopes as a serious remedy for our ills," Mr Eden declared.

The Government must agree to return from the summer Parliamentary recess to review the situation in a few weeks' time—the recess is scheduled for two months. If it did not agree, the Opposition would move an amendment to the adjournment motion on Wednesday.

CRIPPS REPLIES

Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, replying to the debate, said the £12,000,000 a month by which the Government intended to buy hard currency food imports was rather less than one-sixth of the total expenditure on food.

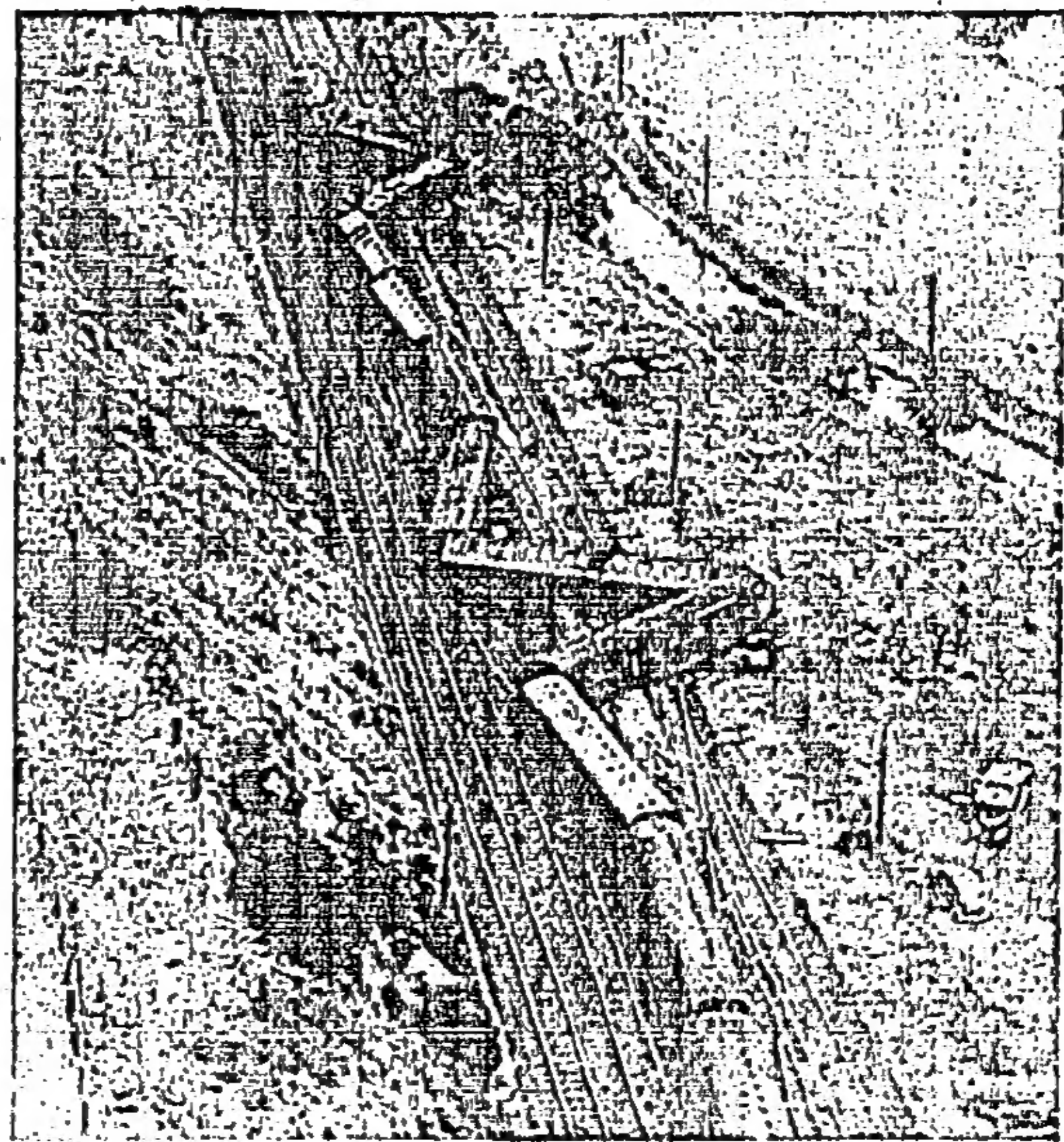
Touching briefly on the features of the new programme, he said, they had been dealing in this debate with short term plans, but that does not mean that because we have not recapitulated in detail our general long term programme that we have therefore changed or abandoned that programme.

"We must face up to the long term measures for solving European economic and our own economy if we are ever to free Europe from continuing dependence upon the generosity of the Western Hemisphere," Sir Stafford Cripps declared.

"We must not try to solve our difficulties by a permanent lowering of the standard of living of the British people."

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TRAIN DISASTER



MORE BURMA ARRESTS

Trial Postponed

Rangoon, Aug. 7.—The Burmese authorities arrested today 127 policemen who took part in the recent police strike.

Thakin Tun, one of the colleagues of U Aung San, assassinated leader, in the Japanese sponsored "Burma Defence Army" during the war, was also arrested together with Hla Min, a prominent Burmese communist, a Government spokesman revealed.

Arms and ammunition that was officially reported seized in Burma districts during the past 24 hours included 17 Bren guns and 55,000 rounds of ammunition.

Thakin Tun was a minister in the war-time Burmese Government headed by Dr Ba Maw, the leader of the "Independence first" movement, who is also under arrest.

The man who headed the police strike movement—U Wan Maung—was arrested last weekend. He first led the police to strike in October 1946.

The strike broke out again, with increasing tension in Rangoon, early in July, when 1,000 men struck against what they termed the "reactionary policy" of the Anti-Fascist Peoples Freedom League—the government party of U Aung San and the other ministers who were assassinated on July 19.

U SAW'S TRIAL

The trial of U Saw, the former Premier, and others arrested following the assassinations, is not expected to begin for another fortnight, it was learned today on high authority.

The postponement of the trial has been caused by the delay in gathering evidence regarding the "plot to overthrow the Government" of which the assassinations were the main feature.

The accused in connection with the plot against the Government are, it is said, expected to total "quite a number but the cases against them have not yet been drawn up."

Miscellaneous Burmese official and political quarters today welcomed the announcement that Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, was to visit Burma.

A spokesman for the Government Party, described the visit today as a "striking indication of Britain's good-will towards the Burmese people and the Labour Government's concern for the future of Burma."

The spokesman was of the opinion that the Cripps mission would not only make a first-hand study of conditions in Burma but would also discuss with the Burmese leaders the problems relating to the forthcoming transfer of power.

The mission, he added, appeared to be that of speeding up the work of the British defence and financial missions and the other missions coming to Rangoon within the next two months to negotiate the transfer settlement.

Banking and business circles in Rangoon, however, drew pointed attention to the background of the Cripps visit—Burma's financial stringency with her need for further credit arrangements with Britain for the next fiscal year beginning September 1, the economic crisis in Britain and the general situation in the country following last month's political assassinations.—Reuter.

No. 11

Batsman Scores 163 For Essex

Astonishing Cricket Performance

London, Aug. 7.—Peter Smith, Essex all-rounder, established what is believed to be a record score in first-class cricket for a No. 11 batsman when he made 163 in the match between Essex and Derbyshire at Chesterfield today.

His last wicket stand with F. H. Vigar, of 218 set up a new record for Essex. This stand came within measurable distance of the record tenth wicket stand in England made by the Indians, C. Sarwate and S. Banerjee—249 against Surrey at Kennington Oval last year. Vigar made 114 not out.

The close of play scores in County games are:

At Canterbury: Kent 424 for eight declared. Middlesex 225 (Compton 106, Wright six for 87) and 103 for one (Robertson 73 not out).

At Manchester: Gloucestershire 415 (Crapp 131), Lancashire 341 (Klin 62, G. A. Edrich 57, Wharton 72, Goddard six for 121).

At Chesterfield: Essex 417 (Vigar 114 not out, Peter Smith 163), Derbyshire 223 and 209 for eight (Elliott 68).

At Portsmouth: Hampshire 186 and 394 for four (Arnold 67, Rogers 173, McCorkill 92 not out), Surrey 136 (C. A. Bedser 51, Herman five for 47).

At Leicester: Yorkshire 541 for nine declared, Leicestershire 294 for five (Jackson 61).

At Nottingham: Somerset 437 (Meyer 59), Nottinghamshire 430 for four (Keele 133, Simpson 90, Hardstaff 81, Reddick 56).

At Worcester: Worcestershire 170 and 147 for two (Palmer 65 not out), Glamorgan 373 for nine declared (E. Davies 177, Munce 62).

At Northampton: Sussex 480 for eight declared (Oakes 122 not out), Northants 153 (Cornford four for 39) and 163 for one (David 63 not out, Brooks 66).—Reuter.

NOURSE 205 NOT OUT

Birmingham, Aug. 7.—Hitting with tremendous power and purpose, Dudley Nourse, with a chanceless 205 not out, became the first African batsman to score a double century on the present tour when the tourists gained a first innings lead of 191 against Warwickshire here today, with three wickets in hand.

At the close South Africa had scored 520 for seven in reply to Warwickshire's 330. This is South Africa's highest score against a county side.

Especially strong on the leg side, Nourse bawling relentlessly to become the third South African to score a thousand runs on the present tour; the others being Bruce Mitchell and Alan Melville.

Ken Viljoen batted well to score 113.—Reuter.

DAVIS CUP MATCH

Montreal, Aug. 7.—Australia swept the first two singles matches from Canada in the Davis tennis competition of the North American zone. Dinny Pails first defeated Canada's Henri Rochon, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 and then Geoffrey Brown defeated Canada's Brandon Macken, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1.

Australia's No. 1 singles player, Jack Bromwich, did not play because he felt certain that Brown and Pails could win the matches. Bromwich is scheduled to play the doubles tomorrow with Colin Long, the winner of the Canadian-Australian tie will meet Czechoslovakia, European zone champion, for the right to challenge the United States defending champions at Forest Hills, New York, on August 30.—United Press.

Cycling Marathon

London, August 8.—John Raine, a London cyclist, headed the field as 68 of the original 76 starters on Thursday rode into the fourth stage of the six-day Brighton to Glasgow

cycling marathon, the 103 miles from Bradford to Newcastle.

The 587 miles race ends on Saturday.—Associated Press.

Win For England

Dublin, August 8.—England scored her first success at the Dublin horse show on Thursday when the German-bred Notar, ridden by Major Carr, won the International jumping trophy presented by the Irish Minister for Defence.

The French horse, Nandin, ridden by Capt. Fresson, was second, Lieut. Riet of Italy on Bella VI and Major Stewart of Britain on another German-bred horse, divided third and fourth places.

Captain De Maupou of France, on La Forte and Lieut. Levenhaupt of Sweden on Orfeus, divided fifth place.—Associated Press.

Siam To Ship Rice Here

New Govt Organisation

Bangkok, Aug. 7.—It is reliably understood that the Siamese Government has completed plans for the handling of rice shipments after the tripartite agreement ends on August 31.

The tripartite agreement, concluded between Britain, the United States and Siam in May 1946, provided that Siam would deliver 1,200,000 tons of rice to famine areas in the Far East.

According to information available here today, the Siamese Government will set up a new organisation called the Allocation Board to handle rice exports. This Board will work in close co-operation with the International Emergency Food Council and advise the Council every six months on available rice exports.

The International Emergency Council will advise the Allocation Board on the available supplies, and the sub-committee will advise on shipping facilities.

It is understood that the Siam rice agency will handle shipments to Hongkong, Malaya, Borneo and the Netherlands East Indies under a "General Grain Company" of New York to UNRRA, the American Commodity Credit Corporation to the Philippines and Korea, and the Indian rice syndicate to India.

A shipping co-ordination committee under the Siam Commerce Department will co-ordinate all shipments.

It is estimated that at the end of August, there will be 350,000 tons outstanding.

It is also understood that negotiations are at present under way as to whether shipments after August are to be free, according to the terms of the tripartite agreement, or whether they may be payable.

It was understood here that Lord Killearn, Special Commissioner for South East Asia, who arrived here yesterday, will have important talks with the Siam Government on the question of rice exports from Siam after August.—Reuter.

Terrorists Derail Twelve Oil Wagons

Jerusalem, Aug. 7.—Jewish terrorists struck again at Palestine's railways today as Lieut. General Gordon McMillan, British Army Chief in Palestine, was flying to Cairo with a first-hand account of the situation for Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, Chief of the British Imperial General Staff.

Field Marshal Montgomery is due to leave Fayid for London tomorrow, according to a Reuter despatch from Cairo.

The terrorists derailed twelve oil wagons from a goods train and damaged more than 200 yards of track with an electrically detonated

mine between Ras el Ain, north of Tel-Aviv, and Galgilya. It was officially stated in Jerusalem.

The first Palestine railway explosion since Sunday, it followed last night's warning by the Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish terrorist organisation, that "we shall strike at British military objectives with renewed vigour." The threat was in reply to the arrest of prominent Right Wing Zionists, whom the authorities have linked with the terrorists.

The Palestine Supreme Court today deferred judgment until tomorrow on a petition by the parents of Alexander Rubowitz, 17-year-old Jew who disappeared in Jerusalem on May 6, calling on four Britons—including Major Alexander Roy Farran, 26-year-old ex-Com-

mando officer—to show cause why they should not produce Rubowitz in court.

It was stated that the youth's father believed his son was still alive. Military Headquarters in Jerusalem announced today that "exhaustive enquiries" showed that no British troops were involved in the Tel-Aviv shooting in which five Jews were killed and 16 wounded on July 31, after the hanging by the Irgun Zvai Leumi of two British Army sergeants.

A Bucharest despatch today said it was estimated that about 50,000 Jews had left Rumania this year, despite appeals from the Rumanian Government. At least one member of every Jewish family had left the country in an attempt to get to Palestine by way of Italy.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

The Smuggling Racket

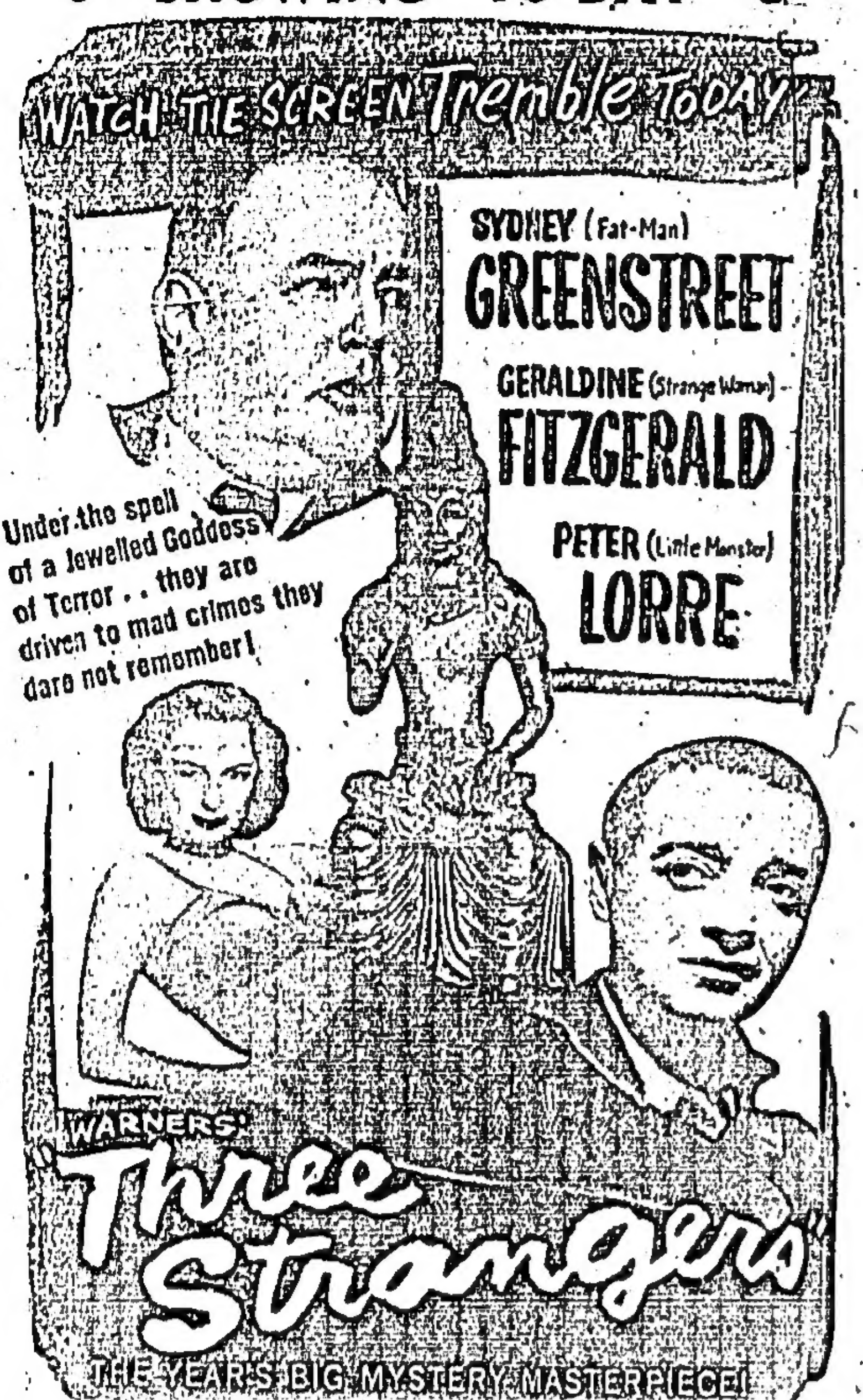
THE plaintive wail which came from Mr George Yeh, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, on the subject of smuggling was a singularly poor attempt to shift blame from one authority to another. Mr Yeh deplores what he regards as the unwillingness of Hongkong to co-operate with China in eradicating a serious menace, but he makes no effort to indicate what Nanking considers to be co-operation; especially is he reticent about the role which the Chinese authorities are willing to assume. Smuggling in China is no new phenomenon, but undoubtedly it has, today, become a grave threat to China's economy. The blame for this, however, rests neither with Hongkong, nor Macao. The number of prosecutions which the Hongkong authorities have made during the past twelve months is clearly enough evidence that we are doing everything possible to stamp out the smuggling racket, and certainly no better example of the efficiency of the Colony's Customs department could be found than in the sinking seizure. Less impressive was the Fishian Incident in which, after smuggled cargo had been uncovered within

Chinese waters, part of it was allowed to be "rescued" by armed bandits, the Chinese preventive officers seemingly offering no serious opposition. While it is true the current large-scale smuggling into China is having its effect on the nation's economy, it is also necessary to observe that much of this illicit traffic is encouraged by China's unstable currency position and the restrictions which have been placed against legal commerce. Smuggling has to be made financially worth-while to justify its attendant risks, and to be successful in a big way it requires some degree of connivance. Hongkong has always regarded smuggling with abhorrence and has never ceased to fight it with determination. There are, alas, few signs of the same alertness on the part of the Chinese authorities. Moreover, let it be noted, no new Customs agreement, no matter how advantageous its terms be to China, can reduce the incidence of smuggling unless Nanking is prepared to see that its officials show greater resolution in the employment of preventive measures. Hongkong will always be willing to co-operate, but it cannot be expected to carry the whole responsibility.

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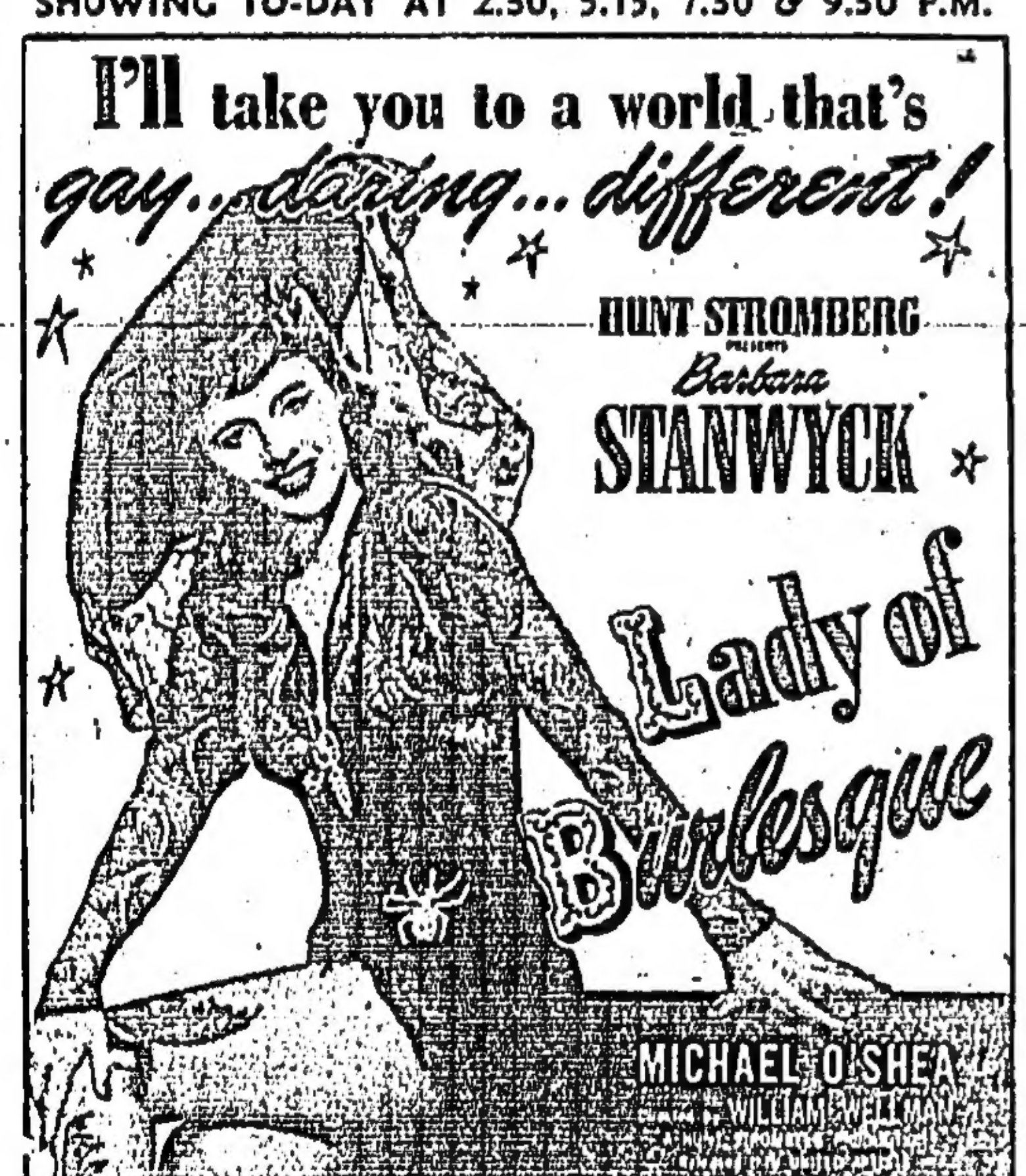
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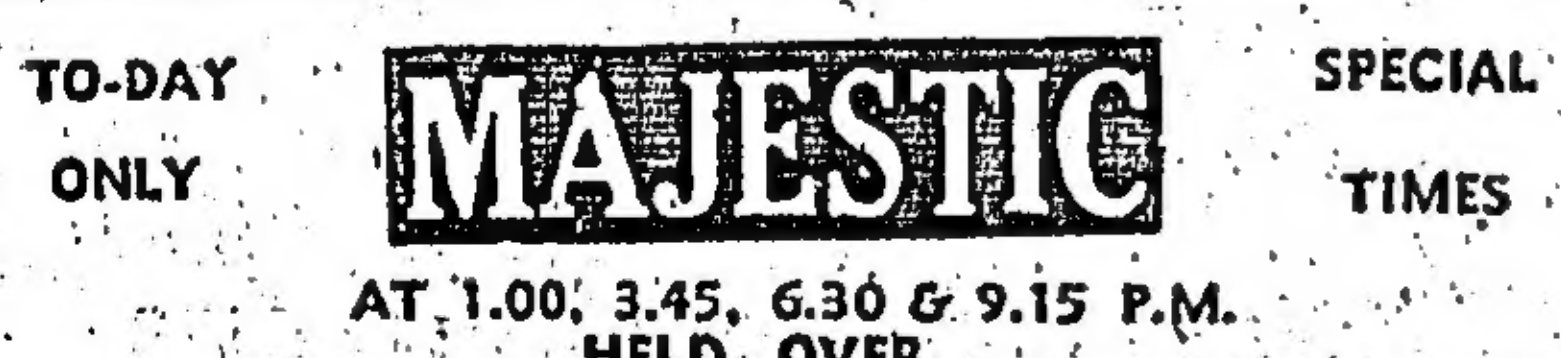
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FACT AND FICTION IN THE CINEMA

SEVERAL things happened during World War II as a result of which the British cinema has changed and developed, winning a strong position for itself in this new peacetime era. While the number of fiction films made was drastically reduced, their quality reached a high standard. New personalities came to the fore, among them people who had grown up in British studios, attaining maturity in the hard school of wartime filming, and at the same time the young British cinema itself began to come of age, acquiring style and national character. Above all, fiction films achieved a new standard of realism and truthfulness, and this was largely due to the growing influence of documentaries, the production of which has quadrupled as compared to 1939.

But the recent development of documentary in Britain is not to be accounted for only by the exigencies of war. Documentary was, in fact, maintaining the leadership it has held for over a decade. In the latter 1930's it had become a vigorous and successful branch of the film industry, winning international recognition, while fiction film production was going through a bad phase. When, with the war, the demand for films of fact and actuality increased, it was natural that documentary—already the healthiest branch—should not only develop, but extend its influence outside its own sphere.

The founder and pioneer of the documentary movement in Britain is John Grierson, whose first film, "Drifters," made in 1929, pointed the way in which documentary was to develop. The film, which dealt with the North Sea herring catch, gave more than a mere description, it showed the drama that underlay this routine work and the poetic qualities of ships and elements. It was an indication of what Grierson meant by his definition of documentary as "the creative interpretation of reality."

There was little time to experiment in new techniques during the war. Apart from the huge demand for instructional and technical films, which comprised a separate branch of the movement, documentaries had to be turned out rapidly and in large numbers for specific needs, and developments in technique were largely an outcome of these needs and the conditions prevailing. The most important part of Britain's wartime documentary output was sponsored by the Ministry of Information, which had an enormous film programme, the object of which was to publicise the nation's war effort and the work of the three Fighting Services. Subjects ranged from salvage to great military epics. In solving immediate and specific problems of information, and striving to evolve an approach that would have the widest public appeal, film makers availed themselves more fully of various existing methods, whether they were in the original documentary tradition or not.

If the early films showed that social problems and man's struggle for existence in the far corners of the earth and at the factory bench had more drama and poetry in them than any fictional tale, the later films introduced, in addition, something of the personal background of the human being involved, and integrated it with the picture's subject.

In Harry Watt's "Night Mail" and "North Sea," there was the outline of a story, as distinct from straight narrative, and the people were handled more searchingly and personally. This meant new developments in technique. There was less commentary and more directly recorded speech. In Arthur Elton's "Workers & Jobs" and Edgar

"The documentary method may be described as the birth of creative cinema," said Paul Rotha. War has pushed the documentary film to a high level of development, and extended its influence to the fictional branch of film-making. The current trends in both factual and fictional films is discussed here by

CATHERINE DE LA ROCHE

Anstey's "Housing Problems," the microphone was taken into working class districts to record the unheeded words of the unemployed and slum dwellers, achieving a new quality of realism.

Cavalcanti made many imaginative innovations in the use of sound and music, notably in "Coal Face," for which the composer Benjamin Britten wrote the score. And John Taylor's "The Londoners," which combined verse, commentary and personal interview, included a sequence which had been staged and shot in a studio.

Enormous Film Programme

MEANWHILE, very tentatively, the documentary approach was creeping into fictional films such as Carol Reed's "Bank Holiday" and Victor Saville's "South Riding." But in these the realistic background and social environment never became genuinely integrated into the story, as they did later in many wartime films. Robert Flaherty's "Elephant Boy" was a notable exception, in that Kipling's story was woven into real documentary—but then Flaherty is a pioneer of documentary.

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Subjects Called For A Story

THE bigger subjects called for a story—a true story, the people in which mostly symbolised thousands of others doing the same kind of wartime job—but a story all the same. In other respects, too, the treatment had similarities with fiction film technique.

A large part of Harry Watt's "Target for Tonight" about Bomber Command, was shot in a studio, and though all the parts were played by members of Royal Air Force crews, who were seen carrying out their normal service duties, their dialogue was rehearsed, not impromptu. In Jack Lee's "Close Quarters," the story of a submarine patrol, Edward Carrick, the Crown Film Unit Art Director, did a remarkable job in reconstructing the submarine in mobile sections which served as studio sets for the film. The full-length colour documentary, "Western Approaches," on the other hand, was shot almost entirely on location, with a selected cast of merchant seamen who had

been through the actual experiences depicted.

Films such as these showed how much can be done to reveal detail of character without using actors. They had a peculiar sincerity and authenticity, and through them, incidentally, some of the nation's latent talent was discovered.

However, these methods are a far cry from the original conception of documentary, though they are a direct development of the tendencies to humanise documentary which had emerged before the war. But, as Edgar Anstey has written: "The one test which every documentary film must pass can still be summed up in the question—Is it true? Truth on the screen is the objective, at which to aim, employing whatever means may be most suitable, and to photograph the real thing may not necessarily bring out the full flavour

of an event. To reach a final effect of reality is clearly a creative process."

In many of these documentaries, whether short or full-length, professional actors were also employed. In Jill Craigie's film, "The Way We Live," for instance, which is about the plan for reconstructing Plymouth, a professional takes the leading part as a writer-observer, while all the people of Plymouth are natural types.

By the end of the war, no rigid conventions survived in the making of documentaries. Natural types and locations were used where they were most suitable, and so were reconstructions and talented players, whether professionals or novices. The important thing is that they did pass the test, "Is it true?"

The full-length front-line documentaries such as "Desert Victory," "Burma Victory," the incomparable "The True Glory" and many others were compiled entirely from material filmed on the actual locations of events. These were in the tradition of the original documentary. They showed not only the highest degree of imaginative camerawork but also a remarkable advance in dynamic editing and the use of what, for want of a better term, can be called "characterised narrative." In "The True Glory," the verbal story was told in turn by different voices representing men from each of the Services that took part in the European Campaign. It is interesting that some of Britain's best fiction film directors, such as Roy Boulting and Carol Reed, and fiction film script writers such as Eric Ambler, participated in the making of these films.

Films On Social Problems

AT the same time films on social problems emphasised by the war, such as Paul Rotha's full-length "World of Plenty" and his latest "Land of Promise," dealing with world food distribution and Britain's housing problem respectively, showed a great advance in the use of the cinema for statement of many other things, including Robin Carruthers' new picture "Today & Tomorrow," about the Middle East Supply Centre, animated maps and moving diagrams illustrating geographical facts and various statistics were used with such skill that what would otherwise have been the driest part of the films became the liveliest.

Out of the use of factual story in documentary there developed also the use of fictional story for generalising specific aspects of existing reality. "Journey Together," for example, dealt with the life of cadets in Flying Draining Command in a dramatic story, and was made entirely by Royal Air Force personnel, among whom were a number of professional film people. Jack Lee's new picture about juvenile delinquency, "Children On Trial," also has a fictional story based on fact. It is as difficult as it is pointless to try and establish a dividing line between these pictures and entirely factual films, or between them and the fictional films based on fact which have been made as entertainment pictures by feature film studios. The difference is a matter of degree, and the important thing is that in endeavouring to achieve the highest degree of truth and realism, a branch of documentary and a branch of fiction films have drawn closer together, each benefiting by the methods of the other.

Throughout the war, feature film studios in Britain produced a large number of realistic pictures such as Charles Friend's "San Demetrio," "London," based on a true story about a tanker, Gilliat and Lammont's "Millions Like Us," about munition workers (a large part of which was shot in an Ordnance

POCKET CARTOON



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

A RECENT pianoforte duet at a concert, passed off without accident. Therefore there could have been no fun in it.

Now when I was Treasurer of the Merseyside Fish-Sellers' Co-operation I and the brothers Fajello played Yvonne de Saint Tropez's "Allan-Lido" at the Salle Pleyel in Paris. There came a moment when they both jabbed at the pedal, like demented cyclists. Serafin won, but got a hack on the ankle from brother Perez. The rhythm went to bits, several wrong notes were struck, the critics cried, "Too much rubato!" the public, not knowing what had happened, went on looking dreamy, the pedal came off, Serafin fractured the bones of his elbow against the wood-work, Perez, trying to attend to brother Serafin, fell off his stool and sprained his left wrist. Is that all? asks the reader. Well, it's all I can think of at the moment as the man said when he told the woman her house was on fire, in order to cadge an introduction.

Tortoise ridden backwards round Ashford

THOSE who sneer at the activities of Evans the Hears, the wizard of Abernethy may have read of a man "intending to go down the Niagara river in a rubber ball." What about stalling on stilts from Glosop to Widnes?

He stooped to conger

A YORKSHIREMAN, says my paper, caught two congers with his hands while walking along the shore at Whitby. As if that were not enough, "a cat was saved after three days on the top of a tree in North Shields."

Prodnose: Why do you say 'As if that were not enough'?

Myself: It is an old phrase in my family when we are nearing the end of our tether.

Prodnose: And how did the cats get there?

Myself: Where?

Prodnose: Whiffy.

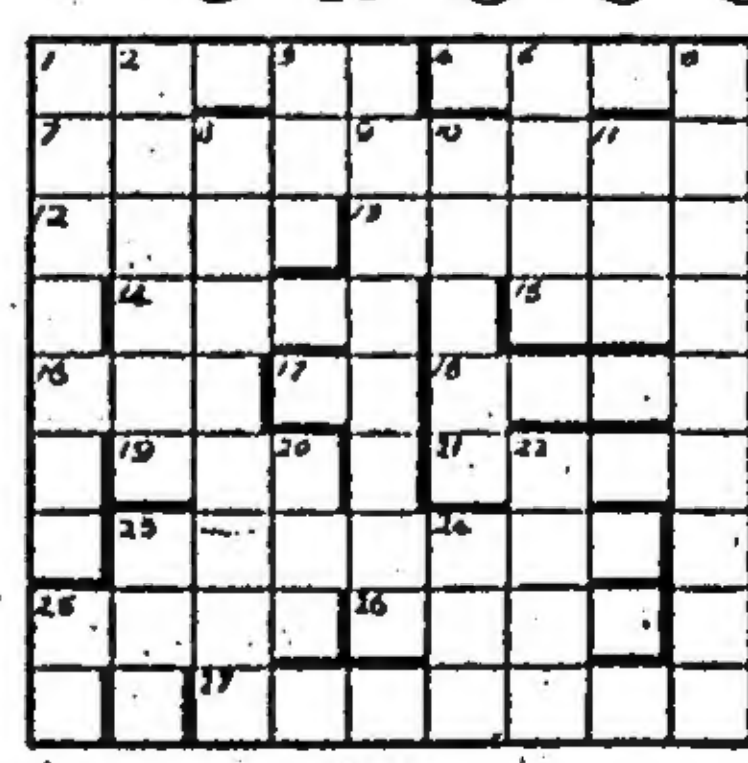
Myself: They swam from the Belgian Conger.

What should "A" do?

SINCE nothing makes sense today, a man staggered into a railway compartment and sat down heavily, wiping his lips with his hat.

"Have you ever seen me before?" he asked the traveller opposite to him. "No," said the traveller nervously. "Then how the devil did you know it was me?" asked the intruder.

CROSSWORD



Across:
1 and 9 Down: Wind the alarm anti-clockwise and you take this. (6, 7)
2. It provides a pit at sea. (5)
3. Animal. (4)
4. Joins for the artisan? (5)
5. Negro contraction for brother. (4)
6. (4)
7. The rope to build house the bacon? (3)
8. The last, diligently applied. (3)
9. Not a short pine? (4)

10 Might provide plays in the theatre. (5)
11 A court of itinerant justices. (4)
12 I.O.U.s more how threatening. (7)
13 A tricky bird. (4)
14 Earthly. (7)
15 Down
1. Furan your favourite dog. (7)
2. Rodent. (6)
3. Nothing but it could be a cry of warning. (3)
4. a. ager men hold animals captive this war. (8)
5. Clifton yields this oil. (8)
6. See 1 Across.
7. May prove an optimistic relative. (5)
8. The cap is not ahead. (3)
9. The spirited pair of pinger. (8)
10. This log is cheery. (4)
11. Minus two sides. (8)
12. Try the end of the hour. (3)
13. Arrived. (2)
14. Solution of yesterday's puzzle. Across:
1. Banker. 2. Pig. 3. Little. 4. G. 5. A. 6. The. 7. 19. 8. Vm. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225. 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Here are newsy bits about the Stars.

STAR SHINE!

American Beauty! Silk net, rolled and whisked and sprayed with roses, becomes the dramatic hat, called "American Beauty," designed by Jon Hill. Joyce Hayward, lovely young actress of Columbia Broadcasting Company's serial, "Young Doctor Malone," modelled the "American Beauty" hat at the luncheon hat fashion show given by the Millinery Designers League at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria in New York recently.

Smart! At the famous "Brown Derby" the other day we saw vivacious Constance Moore, sparkling in a Cornflower Blue gabardine suit, featuring a keyhole neckline. A polka-dot choker, joined two diamond studs, looked each holding a treasured family picture.

Minute Makeups by GABRIELLE



If your ankles are too heavy, try... you are too stout all over you will need to supplement the exercises with reasonable regulation of diet. There is no sense in taking exercises to reduce one part of the body if you continue to eat all sorts of fattening foods. Here is an exercise for reducing ankles. Stand with legs crossed, toes pointing in opposite directions. Slide one foot out to the side, toe well pointed. Bring back to starting position. Repeat ten times with each foot.

ANTI-FRANCO GUERRILLAS FIND CITIES ARE SAFER

The anti-Franco guerilla forces of Spain are mostly city warriors. Their hide-outs may be old dwellings in the crowded poor quarters. Their headquarters may be the back room of a cheap Madrid bar. Their attacks may be made alternately in town or in the country where they think they can deal the hardest psychological blow.

Informed quarters say that the stock conception of bold guerillas roaming Spain's mountainous wilderness and bivouacking in the lofty crags of the Guadarramas is old-fashioned. There is too much chance of detection in the open spaces, and the guerillas are finding more safety and more freedom of movement in populous cities like Madrid and Barcelona.

The so-called guerillas are generally regarded the shock-troop auxiliary of the Communist movement. Indiscriminate use of the term has led to considerable confusion. Sometimes the guerillas are Communists; sometimes they belong to some anti-Franco, anti-Communist organisation like the CNT (Confederacion Nacional de Trabajo); sometimes they are non-political highwaymen looking for an easy bankroll.

The most publicised striking force of the Communists is the "Guardia Roja," whose exploits are chronicled in a Communist Party folder called "El Guerrillero." They claim to have killed several "prominent Falangistas" in reprisal for the killing of their companions.

According to informed quarters, available evidence shows that the guerillas are not numerous and do not constitute an effective fighting unit in the military sense. Their activities include planting bombs in food shops as well as sabotaging railway lines and killing their enemies in personal raids.

PHANTOM MOVEMENT.

The Communist organisation in Spain is a phantom movement but very real. Police quarters claim that organisational activities are directed by the Spanish government party in southern France in collaboration with both Russian and French Communist sympathisers. They say that agents infiltrate from France by crossing the Pyrenees and by sailing small boats to hidden coves. Others have penetrated from Portugal and North Africa.

Police quarters say that various committees are organised in the cities. In turn, cells are created wherever there is available membership material. They claim that organisational work is directed by a liaison agent in touch with the central committee in France. Consequently, the liaison agent frequently is unknown to most of the committee members. In turn, committees may operate in one city without being aware of another's activities.

This gives the movement a phantom aspect. The police may arrest members of a group believed to be the central committee and find that another "central committee" already has taken its place.

COMMUNIST OBJECTIVE

There is no reliable estimate of the number of active Communists or sympathisers in Spain.

The penalty for complicity in Communist activities is so severe that members and sympathisers move with utmost caution. Police quarters said the objective appears to be, firstly, to indoctrinate the many Spaniards as possible in the Communist philosophy so that they will have a large potential following in the event of a government turnover, and, secondly, to engage in terrorist activities for the psychological effect.

The Communists, it is believed, are working on a long-term programme, since they do not appear to have sufficient funds to undertake a serious drive to overthrow the government, though the organisers are well supplied with money. They also smuggle in arms, explosives and any weapons useful for sabotage, raids and hold-ups.

A prominent anti-Communist, left wing Spaniard told the United Press that the Communists are the best-organised and strongest opposition force in the country, even though they lack the numerical strength of other anti-Franco groups.

The Spanish government combats Communist activities with a specialised unit under the direction of the General Police Headquarters. A plainclothes detail concentrates on following up all clues that suggest the existence of an organisation of suspects. The suspects are shadowed until the authorities obtain incriminating evidence. The arrests and raids are carried out by the Civil Guard and the Armed Police.

The authorities carry out major drives periodically. The continuous anti-Communist campaign has prevented widespread growth, informed quarters claim, but they say it is an open guess whether the repressive measures have crippled the movement.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Conditional Holiday

New York:—A Wall Street firm announces that to keep its 12 secretaries "contented and happy" they will get a year's holiday with full pay after six years of work. The only stipulations—they must spend the time constructively and write the office once a week.

BROTHERS' MEETING
Johannesburg.—Seaman Arthur Briscoe of England learned in a letter from home when his ship Tropic arrived here that his brother Basil had emigrated to South Africa. He was ashore not very hopefully, for the town centre he bumped into a pedestrian—Basil!

SPEEDING UP BABY
Madrid.—Matis Martin, 28-year-old schoolmaster in Toledo, has developed a successful method of teaching reading and writing in 28 days. Children are taught word sounds, not names; each sound being accompanied by a muscular movement.

CASH FOR BABY
Canberra.—The Government is now prepared to pay for babies in advance. Before the baby is born mothers-to-be can claim £5 from a baby bonus of at least £10.

AND A BABY BOOM
Rome.—The Italian Central Institute of Statistics reports that during the first three months of 1947 there were 112,692 more births in Italy than deaths, compared with a surplus of 103,451 during the same period in 1946. In a striking illustration of Italy's overpopulation problem, the institute reported that emigration in the first three months of 1947 totalled only 32,254, leaving a net increase in her population of 80,438.

FORMAL FLIGHT
Wellington.—Every time an air liner flies between New Zealand and America more than 2,000 forms have to be filled in.

TOYTOWN PAYS
New York.—Statistics from company meetings show that a firm making toy trains for the American market enjoyed a profit considerably greater than a firm making real trains.

FINAL OATH
Madras.—A Moslem moneylender fell dead in a mosque just as he was committing perjury by swearing that a villager had not repaid a loan. A villager of Devanagere, Mysore, had repaid moneylender Bude Sahib a third of a 72-rupee loan but did not obtain a receipt. When he went to pay the remainder Bude Sahib demanded the whole amount and fled a suit in court. Bude Sahib then accepted a challenge from the villager to swear in a mosque that he did not receive the previous payment.

U.S. Troops Took Opium In Burma

American troops in Burma during the war became opium addicts and required special treatment on their return home. The British Government on August 8, 1945 and published last month, Reuter reports.

The note dealt with postwar plans to control the drug traffic in Burma and objected to the Burma Government proposal to open shops for the sale of opium to licensed consumers. The British reply said Burma had decided to abolish licensed shops but contended there were no known cases of addiction by American troops.

No More Parties For Elsa

Miss Elsa Maxwell, who in her heyday as the world's most fantastic hostess introduced two cows and a litter of pigs into a party at New York's exclusive Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, arrived in London a few weeks ago and announced:

"Wild parties are over for me. Today they would be like dancing on a graveyard."
Miss Maxwell, now 60, and weighing 12st. 6lb.—a two-stone reduction on the past—has put the past behind her.

Her job in life is to travel the world, interviewing the heads of nations, recording social and political facts, commenting on crises for the American newspaper syndicate for which she writes a daily column.

Here is a thumbnail sketch of the early Elsa Maxwell: Small-part actress, song writer, cabaret artist, broadcaster, scenarist, biographer, traveller, journalist; wit; friend of "those who matter most" throughout the world.

Crucial Moment

All that is changed. Curled up on a plush sofa in a fifth floor suite at Claridge's, Miss Maxwell said:

"This is the crucial moment of our existence."
"Anyone who has access to the public mind would be stupid to adapt himself to something so completely out of keeping with modern thought as the parties we used to have."

"Of course I still have friends all over the world, as you see." She waved a pastel-gowned arm at bouquets.

"And I remember them, too. Right there in the corner are curtains for my friends in England. And so there were—like contained pale de foie gras, bacon, ham, oranges; and Scotch whisky from America."

"This morning I had lunch with your Mr Bevin at the House. What a boy! He is a real man."

"Mr Bevin? Shawcross—an old friend—was my host, and Mr Strachey was there, too. You'll never guess what we ate. Whale steaks!"

Bowler And Bowlers

Recently promoted to the acting rank of Air Vice Marshal, taking over the command of No. 40 Group, Main-entance Command, RAF, at Leicester, Oxfordshire, Air Vice Marshal T. G. Bowler, CBE, whose home is at Banbury, belongs to the well-known family of haters with which the name of Bowler is associated.

It was his great-grandfather who gave his name to the bowler hat, which he designed to the order of a Mr William Coke, who wanted "a hard hat to wear when he went shooting" and after whom it was often known as a "billycock" hat. Air Vice Marshal Bowler has a disability which is not noticeable at first sight—he has only one leg. He lost the other in the landing at Suvla Bay, at the outset of the Gallipoli Campaign in the 1914-18 war.

He has two hobbies—he collects and restores old furniture and makes reproductions, and he is also a model railway enthusiast.

Rupert and the Young Imp—39



Telling the others to stand back, the King calls the young Imp to him, and bids Rupert draw near. "This Imp has been brought to me for punishment because of his mischief, and for making fruit grow at the wrong season," he says. "What business is it of yours, little bear?" "Oh, yes, his work wasn't all mischief," says Rupert. "He did kindness to poor old Granny Goat. And he describes how the Imp went up the creeper and made flowers grow in the window-box."

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SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"My steady girl has gone away for the summer! I took this job to forget—and because my parents insist on me working!"

ADVICE TO SLEEPERS

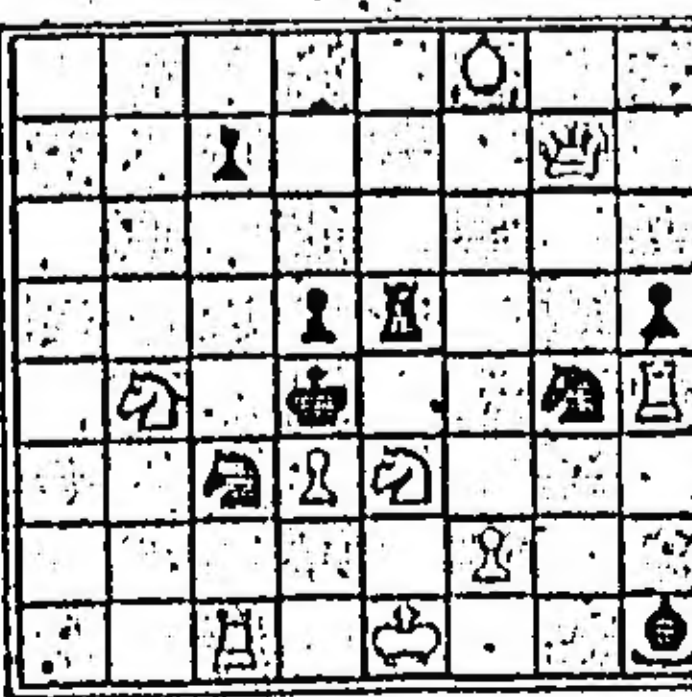
A Harvard medical school instructor advises against sleeping with your bedroom windows wide open.

Dr Theodore L. Badger says it leads to colds.

Instead, Dr Badger suggests airing and cooling bedrooms about 15 minutes before bedtime. Next, close the windows. Then leave the bedroom doors open so warm air can enter from other parts of the house.

CHESS PROBLEM

By C. W. SHEPPARD
Black, 8 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. N x QP, and 2. R, K (dis ch), K, K, or P mates.

Indo-China Peace Hopes Revived

Saloon, Aug. 7.—Hopes of peace in Indo-China, where the French and the Viet Namhese Nationalists have been fighting since the end of December, have been revived by a statement by M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner, that he would shortly disclose details of a new "charter" for Viet Namh.

Both the French and the Viet Namhese have expressed a desire for an early end of hostilities, but the Viet Namhese say the initiative must come from the High Commissioner. Their official radio has expressed official appreciation of M. Bollaert's statement that "colonialism in Indo-China is dead and is not to be revived"—Reuter.

More Greek Guerilla Attacks

Athens, Aug. 7.—Press dispatches today reported four new guerilla attacks in Eastern Macedonia during the night.

Three of the four attacks reportedly resulted in heavy damage but in the fourth 300 guerillas, according to the dispatches, killed 18 civilians and burned down 17 houses at Pedion, 35 kilometres northwest of Salonika. The other attacks were at Nigrita, Stavros and Terfilio.

In the meantime the unsettled situation forced the gold sovereign rate to a new high level. It reached 168,000 drachmas after the legal rate of 135,000 had been maintained for months, but the open rate had risen as high as 148,000.

A court martial sentenced 10 guerillas to death for participating in last week's attack on Nigrita, where the government claimed atrocities had been committed. Thirty-eight other guerillas were given death sentences for an attack on Grevena last week.—United Press.

TO FORM NEW SPANISH EXILE GOVT.

Paris, Aug. 7.—The President of the Spanish Republican Government-in-exile, Senor Martinez Barrio, conferred with three top exiled leaders today regarding the formation of a new government to replace that of Premier Rodolfo Lopez, which resigned last night.

The first conference was with Senor Lopez who, it was understood, recommended a new Cabinet.

Fernando Clerigo, Left Republican Vice-President of the Cortes, followed Senor Lopez. It is reported that he suggested a new Cabinet headed by a personality of "international reputation."

The third leader, Socialist Dr. Juan Negrin, declined to talk to newspapermen when he left Senor Barrio's office.—United Press.

PLANE PLUNGES INTO-OIL PLANT

Everett, Massachusetts, August 8.—A small aeroplane plunged out of a fog-shrouded sky early on Thursday into a flaming gas burner of a big oil plant—causing to a fiery death the ship's four specially prominent occupants as the pilot apparently thought he was gliding down into the brightly lit Boston airport.

The dead included Thomas Mandell, 46, treasurer of the Carrier-Mandell Air Conditioning Corporation of Boston and son of the late George Mandell, publisher of the Boston Transport.—Associated Press.

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INDONESIA:

Dutch Opposed To Arbitration

BY GRAHAM JENKINS

Batavia, Aug. 7.—Indonesia today accepted the United States Government's offer of "good offices" in seeking a solution of the dispute between the Dutch and the Indonesian Republic.

The Indonesian acceptance, broadcast over the Republican-controlled Jogjakarta Radio, came three days after the "cease fire" agreed on by both sides in the latest outbreak of fighting and a week after the United Nations Security Council had appealed to both sides to lay down their arms.

Accepting the United States offer "with deep gratitude and appreciation," the Indonesian reply also asked the United States to press the United Nations Security Council to despatch an international arbitration commission to Indonesia.

Twenty-four hours earlier, Jogjakarta Radio had quoted a Republican official as saying that in addition to the international commission, Indonesia had invited 14 countries to send observers to Indonesia.

These countries were named as Russia, France, China, Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, Syria, the Lebanon, Saudi-Arabia, Persia, India, Pakistan, Siam and the Philippines.

The first unofficial reaction in Dutch-held Batavia to the Indonesian proposal for international arbitration showed Dutch circles were opposed to it.

They argued that a several-power commission would have difficulty in reaching a decision and might include representatives the Dutch might consider biased.

One And Final Hope

The Republican reply to the United States said that it was felt the United States, Britain and the Netherlands would agree that in arbitration by a United Nations commission lay the one and final hope of settling the dispute by peaceful means, since two years of negotiation and mediation had failed to prevent the outbreak of large-scale hostilities.

The Government and the people of the Indonesian Republic had heard with deep gratitude and appreciation the broadcast by the American Consul-General in Batavia, Mr. Walter Foote, on behalf of the United States Government, extending its "good offices" in any future negotiations in which the Republic might be involved.

The Indonesian Republic, adhering to the principles of the United Nations, was fully prepared to submit to the United Nations Security Council's "cease fire" decision, in which arbitration was recommended as the primary means of settling the dispute.

Revised Duty On Imported Films

London, Aug. 7.—The Treasury announced tonight that from today an ad valorem duty of 200 per cent is substituted for the specific duty of five pence per foot for films imported into Britain.

The new duty will be a Customs charge based on the value at the date of importation. Full value will be attributed to all first copies imported on or after today, and duplicates of these first copies will be assessed according to the old specific rates.

Where, as is usual, a film is not imported for outright sale in the open market, its value will be provisionally calculated on the basis of the anticipated net proceeds. One fourth of these will become its rated value, and three-fourths or three times its value will be fixed as the Customs duty.

Pending arrangements for the assessment of "final value," such films will be released after a deposit of the appropriate duty.

Empire films will not be exempt from the ad valorem rate of duty, but will retain their existing preferential margin. Before registering any film for public exhibition, the Board of Trade will require proof that the appropriate duty has been deposited.—Reuter.

THESEUS LOSES MORE PLANES

Brisbane, Aug. 8.—Three planes were swept overboard and four badly damaged in two landing crashes on Wednesday on board the aircraft carrier Theseus.

An aircraft mechanic working on a plane was also hurled overboard in one of the crashes. His body has not yet been recovered.

Another man broke his leg. The victims were: missing, believed killed, Air Mechanic G. Daly; injured, Sub-Lieutenant D. L. S. James; pilot; fractured leg.—Associated Press.

Golf Tourny Date

London, August 8.—The 1948 British golf amateur tournament will be held over the Royal St. George's Club course at Sandwich, starting March 24, the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews announced on Thursday night.

The tournament previously had been planned over the Royal Cinque Ports Club but the change was necessitated through unforeseen circumstances, the Club announced.—Associated Press.

the dispute, said the Republican reply.

The United States Government would be performing a lasting service to humanity if it supported the Indonesian proposal, the reply said, because the United Nations would thus be creating a much-needed precedent to prove to the world that the United Nations could stop war and settle disputes.

Lasting Settlement

The Republic and the Netherlands would agree to abide loyally by any decision reached by the arbitration commission, the reply said, while there was a strong reason to believe that it could bring about a lasting settlement.

The United States Government was asked to send a representative to Jogjakarta, so that it could be more fully informed of the official Indonesian point of view. A radio warning of the time of arrival of a United States representative was requested.

The Indonesian Republican Red Cross today broadcast a message over Jogjakarta Radio to the International Red Cross guaranteeing the safe conduct of Red Cross planes over Republican territory, but added the warning that the guarantee did not apply to Dutch aircraft.

The radio also broadcast a request that the All-India Radio should act as an intermediary for the forwarding of reports of progress in the cessation of hostilities in Indonesia.

An Indonesian Republican broadcast tonight claimed that a Dutch tank had entered Tanggung, in Central Java, and raised the Dutch flag there.

Dutch Attack

The report also claimed that the Dutch, in violation of Monday's midnight cease fire in Indonesia's "little war," had attacked Manjar, East Java.

Seven Dutch reconnaissance flights were made over Republican territory yesterday and today, the broadcast said. It added that Dutch troops, alleged earlier to have advanced south coast town of Gombong after the cease fire, had returned to Gombong.

At Lake Success, the Indian delegate, Mr. B. R. Sen, called on the Security Council tonight to order both the Indonesian and the Netherlands forces to withdraw to positions held before the conflict, as otherwise the Indonesians would be at a serious disadvantage in the peace negotiations.

Mr. Sen also asked the Council to appoint an international arbitration commission to examine the dispute.

It is reported that Australia will propose that it should join with the United States as mediator in the Indonesian dispute when the question comes up before the Security Council later today. The Philippines has also officially asked the Council to be allowed to join in the discussion of this question.—Reuter.

LOAN ALMOST EXHAUSTED

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Nothing that could be done immediately could bring a permanent solution.

Sir Stafford Cripps said that the July exports were 120 per cent compared with prewar, but the new high record of imports had made the balance of payments worse.

It was hoped that the longer hours, which were to be worked in those industries which could be assured of supplies of raw materials, fuel and power, would enable the country to increase bulk exports without an undue diversion from the home market, "though there is bound to be some diversion."

"However, we manipulate our trade and finance, whatever arrangements we make with other countries, the fundamental fact must always remain that our standard of living as a people will, and must, depend upon the volume of our own production."

NO ABANDONMENT.

He declared that the Government could not abandon its long-term aims because of immediate difficulties. The difficulties were the reasons for intensifying them.

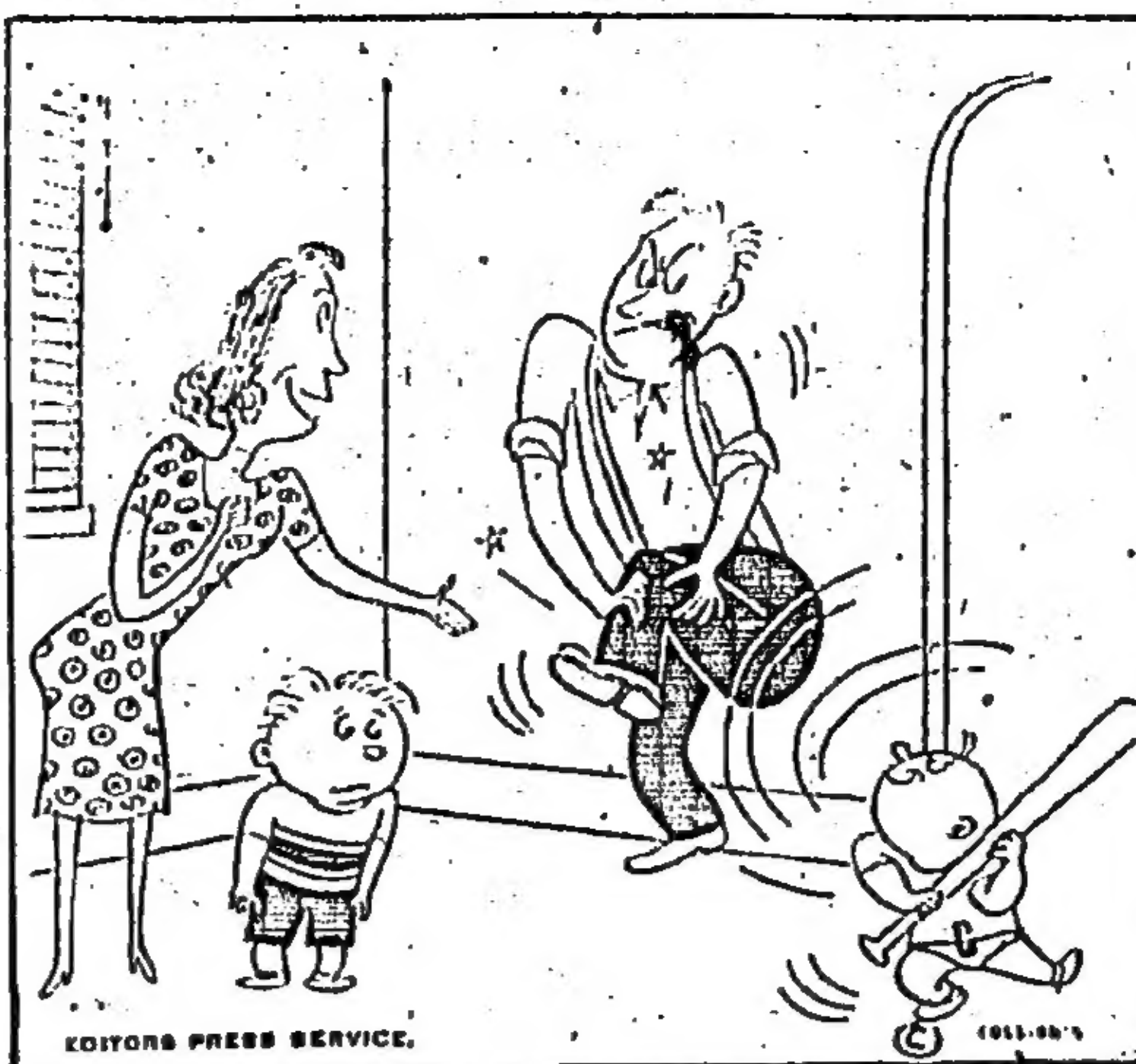
"The one thing which would be fatal today would be for political parties to abandon all their policies today and so arrive at an amorphous negative attitude which would never get us anywhere."

The Government had no intention of abandoning its basic general policies.

He warned that the competitive raising of wages and conditions in a scarce labour market had to be avoided.

Increase prices would cause Britain to lose, not gain, her overseas markets.

"Our failure or success will depend in the last resort upon the spirit of our people. We can offer no immediate prospect of relief. The struggle for production and the battle of the balance of payments is as tough a proposition as any that this country has ever faced, and there is no easy way out"—Reuter.



In Rumania They Use Tennis For Propaganda

New York, Aug. 7.—Vini Rurac and his wife, Magda, outstanding Rumanian tennis players, today charged that tennis has become an instrument of propaganda for the Communist party in Rumania, and they were forced to escape Communist bodyguards to come to the United States to play.

Bill Odoms Off On Solo Hop

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Planning to stop at Paris, Karachi, Shanghai, Tokyo and Fairbanks, Alaska, Captain William P. Odoms took off from Chicago at 9:53 a.m. DIRT tonight in a new attempt to set up a solo round-the-world speed record.

Flying Milton Reynolds' "Bombardier," Captain Odoms was out to half Wiley Post's 1933 record of 186 hours.

Mechanical trouble forced him to abandon his first attempt on Monday.—Reuter.

JAP TREATY CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH

Washington, Aug. 7.—The United States probably will suggest to other interested nations that the initial 11-nation conference on a Japanese peace treaty be held in early September, immediately preceding the opening of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Some officials have been talking of September 10—a week prior to the UN opening—as a target date.

All of this planning is in line with a reported decision to go ahead without Russian participation, if the Russians persist in holding aloof from the American proposals for making 11 nations instead of only the Big Four powers responsible for drafting the Japanese treaty.

Australia and China are reported to have suggested that the initial sessions be held by Foreign Ministers instead of lesser representatives. Authorities said today that this is entirely satisfactory with the United States. It is one of the reasons American leaders now feel the drafting conference should be held about the time the Foreign Ministers are gathering for the UN sessions.—Associated Press.

CHIANG FLIES TO YENAN

Nanking, August 7.—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, accompanied by his personal Chief of Staff, General Yu Chi-shih, flew today to Yen-an, to consult General Hu Chung-nan, veteran anti-Communist general whose troops captured the former Communist capital, on the problem of strengthening national defence in Northwestern China, a semi-official source said today.

This is the Generalissimo's first trip to that part of China since the Nationalists drove the Communists from Northern Shensi. He is expected to return to Nanking tomorrow.—Associated Press.

Threat Of Famine

New Delhi, Aug. 7.—Famine is today threatening the people of southeastern Punjab, where the pre-monsoon rains have failed to arrive, and severe droughts in the Hissar district, bordering on the Rajasthan desert, were causing the people to walk miles for water.

Carcasses of animals stricken by the droughts were scattered across the country.

The authorities were rushing relief and cattle fodder to the stricken area.—Reuter.

Japanese In Manchuria

Sasebo, Aug. 7.—A farming expert, Shochi Masaki, returning with 3,000 other repatriates from Manchuria, said he had received reports there were still 500,000 Japanese nationals north of Changchun, under occupation of the Chinese Communist 8th Route Army.

He said of these Japanese nationals, the men reportedly had been pressed into the army and women as nurses.

Another returning repatriate, electrician Saburo Sato, said when the Chinese Communists entered Mukden he was surprised to see 30 Japanese soldiers, including a lieutenant, among the Communist soldiers.

Meanwhile in Tokyo, the House of Representatives adopted a petition for the speedy repatriation of Japanese nationals still remaining in Soviet occupied territories.—United Press.

BOSE TREASURE "FANTASTIC"

Tokyo, August 7.—An old Indian resident of Japan, M. Ramamurthi, in a statement today in the Mainichi, described as "fantastic" the persistent Japanese reports that Subhas Chandra Bose had a large amount of jewels when his plane crashed at Talohat on August 17, 1945, while taking off for Japan.

Japanese reports, quoting former Japanese Army officers, said army headquarters brought a box containing jewels and Bose's ashes in an urn to Japan and handed them to Ramamurthi.

Japanese reports have estimated the jewels as valued all the way up to 10,000,000,000 yen.—United Press.

FREIGHTER IN FLAMES

Melbourne, August 8.—Ten men were believed killed on Thursday when the 10,000 ton British freighter Masla burst into flames at Victoria docks after a series of explosions.

After the ship and its cargo of match sticks and newspaper from Montreal had burned more than five hours, holes were cut in the ship's plates and she was sunk in 30 feet of water.—Associated Press.

Yugoslavia Blocked, Cries Tito

Prague, Aug. 7.—Yugoslavia's Marshal Josp Tito charged in an interview today that "some kind of economic blockade" was being enforced against his country by the United States.

He charged also, in long answers to questions from the official Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, that "military circles of western powers" were deliberately creating disturbances on Yugoslavia's frontiers.

Marshal Tito claimed that some US\$50,000,000 worth of Yugoslav gold was still being held in the United States and added: "American official circles did not permit us to get grain in America during the shortage and they still do not permit us to purchase machines for reconstruction. Briefly, attempts are being made to isolate us, and some kind of economic blockade of our country is being carried out."

He said he saw no prospects of improving relations with Greece because "some big Western powers hinder this."

"Military circles of the Western powers are supporting the Chetnik Ustachi and Domobrani on the Austrian and Zone frontiers which, with the aid of some Allied officers, are crossing into our country in order to carry out terrorist actions and sabotage."

He declared it all was being done "with definite aid"—United Press.

SENATOR ACCUSED OF FALSEHOODS

Washington, Aug. 7.—Howard Hughes, millionaire oil producer and aeroplane manufacturer, alleged today that Senator Brewster (Republican) told falsehoods while testifying as a witness before the Sub-Committee investigating American warplane contracts.

The allegation was made at a bitter session of Committee hearings. As the bitter word battle between Hughes and Senator Brewster reached the peak of dramatic intensity today, Hughes shouted that the widely publicised investigation had "ruined" his reputation. Senator Brewster, he said, had told a "pack of lies," which he (Hughes) could not accept if he were allowed to cross-examine the Republican senator.—Reuter.

OUTWARD MAILS

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Bangkok, Hongkong, Calcutta, Karachi, Baku, Cairo, Moscow, Johannesburg, Australia, Malaya and London (Air) 2:30 p.m.
Singapore, Colombo, Surabaya, Sydney and Auckland (Air) 3:30 p.m.
Saigon (Air) 3:30 p.m.
Japan (ordinary letters & cards only) (Air) 4:30 p.m.
Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtau and Peking (Air) 5 p.m.
Canton and Hanoi (Air) 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 9
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Hong Kong (Sea) 2 p.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 2 p.m.
Swatow (Sea) 3 p.m.
Macao, Tainan, Shekai & Hongkong (Sea) 4 p.m.
Bangkok, Hongkong, Calcutta, Karachi, Baku, Cairo, Moscow, Johannesburg, Australia, Malaya and London (Air) 2:30 p.m.
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By LEONARD MOSLEY

LONDON. THE most expensive film that Hollywood has made since "Gone With the Wind" has hit—and the word is carefully chosen—London in the form of a gala premiere at the Carlton Cinema, Haymarket.

"Duel in the Sun" cost £1,000,000 to make. The producers spent £200,000 on the "extras" who swarm about every scene. And they dispensed a further £500,000 on publicity to persuade you to see it, even roping in the pavement artists of the Embankment.

I consider myself a reasonably broad-minded citizen, but this new and gargantuan-size Technicolor film shocks me.

There was no humour in it for me, except for an occasional sheepish snigger. It is two and a quarter hours of superb photography and monumental bad taste.

I wouldn't have minded so much if King Vidor, an artist who should



JENNIFER JONES
One half of the Duel

Hongkong Film Family

The United Artists Corporation's staff bulletin for June has this to say about one of Hongkong's successful sons, who is rising steadily to the top in the film business:

"Henry Rong, manager in Puerto Rico, has been promoted to the post of executive assistant to Henry Weiner, general manager in Cuba. His successor in Puerto Rico is Jack H. Odell. Son of Harry O. Odell, our prewar manager in Hongkong, Jack started in the film business in China with RKO at the tender age of 16. In 1939, when only 18, he became the youngest head of a foreign branch when Warner Bros. appointed him manager in Hongkong, and two years later promoted him to supervision of the South-western China territory with headquarters in Kunming.

"Joining the British Army in 1943, Odell rose to a captaincy and handled various film assignments in connection with the motion picture entertainment of British troops in the whole South-east Asia Command until he was demobilised in 1946."

Jack and his father—who is now in Hongkong managing International Films, which releases selected British and American pictures—are not the only members of the family engaged in the film business. Two other brothers, David and Albert, are also in the game. David is connected with the Hongkong office of the Army Kinematograph Corporation, which looks after film entertainment for the troops in this theatre area, while Albert has also been engaged in the distribution of motion pictures in Chungking and Chengtu.

All the three Odell boys were brought up in Hongkong, and studied at the Central British School.

PICCADILLY INCIDENT

"Piccadilly Incident," produced by Herbert Wilcox for Associated British Pictures and starring Anna Neagle and Michael Wilding, has won a coveted British film honour—the Daily Mail Film Award for the outstanding British picture of the year.

So out of the ordinary are the qualities inherent in "Piccadilly Incident" that the British Broadcasting Corporation adopted the course of previewing it on the air prior to its West End presentation. The BBC accorded it a full hour's "live" broadcast of scenes acted by the stars.

"Piccadilly Incident" is to be screened locally at the King's Theatre very shortly.

have known better, had directed it with a sense of satire.

But, no. The gun-play, the love-play, the back-bedroom lusts, the shots of a lover stamping his boot into his girl's face, the incredible ending—all these are taken deadly seriously. The producers really seem to believe they have miraculously created an epic.

"Duel in the Sun" has Jennifer Jones, Gregory Peck and Joseph Cotton as its stars. It's a story of old Texas, of two brothers from the cow-country who hate each other and fight for the same girl—Pearl Chavez, half-breed daughter of an Indian woman and a Louisiana aristocrat.

She was hardly a Pearl without a price—but she was certainly thrown before swine.

Every time a respectable character turned up to rescue her, he was shot in the stomach by Gregory Peck.

Eventually Pearl got irritated by this, and she followed Gregory into a canyon and shot him—in the stomach, too.

He shot her back, and thereafter they kept potting away, meanwhile crawling through the dust towards each other until they were both a pretty sight in Technicolor, what with the red all over their fronts.

The film concludes with Pearl, having reached the man she has loved and shot, kissing him so passionately that he dies. She also dies herself. It was this particular scene which got the film nicknamed "Lust in the Dust."

Really, a most shocking film.

Cool Cattle



ARLENE DAHL, Warner Bros. starlet, keeps cool in this smart outfit on the beach when she finishes work in the studios. Arlene is one of a crop of promising young actresses being groomed for bigger parts.

Karloff is an Injun... Judy has the nerves

BORIS KARLOFF, British-born actor whose screen portrayals heretofore have emphasised the macabre or the grotesque, will play an American Indian in the picture "Tap Roots." The film has its setting in Mississippi after the American Civil War. Susan Hayward and Van Heflin will be the stars. Karloff enacted an American Indian once before, in Cecil B. De Mille's film "Unconquered," as yet unreleased. Another of his recent parts was that of a renegade white man in the picture "Canyon Passage," but usually he portrays monsters.

JUDY GARLAND has suffered a nervous collapse because of disagreements both with her husband and at the studio. Metro-Goldwyn-

Mayer Studio has advised her to take six months' holiday.

JAMES MASON and producer SYDNEY BOX have another popular entertainment winner in "The Upturned Glass." The film has a number of similarities to another Box-Mason hit, "The Seventh Veil." In the new film, Mason plays a brain surgeon, who, out of revenge, plans the perfect crime. His wife, Pamela Kellino, who was responsible for the script, plays the villainess. A high spot of the film is the fight scene between Mason and wife Pamela when he tries to throw her from the window.

LONDON screen-writers—notoriously glamorous—are determined to put some colour into their lives. They have paid more than £35,000 for a Mayfair mansion, next to the lush Dorchester House Hotel, as their London headquarters. Meanwhile Rank is reported to have paid a fabulous sum for Devonshire House. Presumably, he has been trying to buy it for years as world headquarters for his empire, at present scattered all over the West End.

CHARLES BENNETT, British novelist who collaborated on the screenplay of Cecil B. De Mille's "Unconquered" and Alfred Hitchcock's British film "The 39 Steps," had been assigned to write the scenario for the picture "Sign of the Cross" at Columbia Studio. The film will star Susan Peters, the little actress whose career was halted two years ago when she was crippled in a hunting accident. She will play her part from a wheel-chair.

MADEIRAINE CARROLL will return to Hollywood late in the year from Europe to resume her film career. That will bring her to town just about the time her ex-husband Sterling Hayden returns to his studio from his four months' honeymoon with Betty de Noon.

BUSY, popular Gregory Peck, is now having to catch up on some of those commitments he made four years ago when he was just starting his picture career. He never guessed then what a star he'd be—and therefore he'll have to work for a fraction of his worth today by the old contract. For "Earth and High Heaven," one of the later deals for which he is managing to find time, he will receive £60,000; but for the next year or more, his receipts for each picture will only be about the same as what he got for "The Paradine Case"—the bare £10,000.

A SPOKESMAN for Walt Disney Productions said that Walt is definitely going ahead with "Alice in Wonderland," despite the news that a film version of the classic is to be made in Paris. Disney has owned the film rights for years, and the whole picture is already laid out. The only thing remaining to be decided is whether or not to use a live "Alice."

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Three notable BBC transcriptions take the air through ZBW next week. One is the production of Marlowe's classic, "Doctor Faustus," another the first instalment of "Domby and Son," and the third a new series, "This Correspondence Must Now Cease."

A strong cast offers "Doctor Faustus," headed by Alec Guinness as Faustus, with Laidman Brown, a pillar of the BBC Repertory Company, as Mephistopheles. This play is one in the World Theatre series.

A high level of acting is maintained in the radio version of "Domby and Son," in which the star is Ralph Truman. The novel has been adapted for radio by Alice de Grey and Philip Wadland, the production is by John Richmond.

In the first presentation of "This Correspondence Must Now Cease," listeners will hear what happens when Benjamin Robert Haydon, the artist, and the great Duke of Wellington were antagonists of the pen. Their exchange of letters, obsequious on Haydon's part, and increasingly acid on the Duke's, make highly entertaining hearing. Haydon won in the end, but is left for the programme to reveal.

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EVERY SATURDAY

WOMANSENSE

FULL-PAGE FEATURE

Why Do Marriages Break Up?

By CLAUD MULLINS

(Former Metropolitan Magistrate)

HAVING spent fifteen years amid failure, matrimonial and otherwise, I want to do what I can to prevent failure. In particular I want to try to help those whose marriages are drifting towards the rocks of separation and divorce.

It is not necessary to say much of the wartime influences against marriage stability, for they are obvious. The shortage of homes, the sharing of homes by different generations, the prolonged absence of husbands, the reckless marriages that were encouraged by allowances for wives and children and other temporary causes are well-known. I want rather to write of the causes that are more lasting.

When men and women marry they bring to marriage all the weaknesses that were in them as individuals. Some of these weaknesses are moral, some are psychological—and of the latter many are unconscious, unknown to the individuals at the time of their marriage.

A MARRIAGE brings out the qualities, both conscious and unconscious, possessed by the individuals. Both strength and weakness are revealed so a marriage will necessarily bring surprises to both parties. These should be expected.

I have seen many cases where the parties knew each other for many years before they married; none the less, their marriage has quickly revealed strain and strain has developed into misery. When this happens, much persistence is required, much patience and much courage, and often a good deal of help.

THERE is another kind of marriage that is extremely dangerous. Quite a lot of young people today invent their own kind of marriage. Sometimes the parties agree that if things go wrong, each shall go his and her own way. Sometimes also the parties agree that there shall be no children.

The traditional marriage that shall last for the lives of the parties is best because in that way there is the best chance of mutual development, of justice to the children and of benefit to the community.

THOSE young people who experiment with their own form of marriage are usually thinking of themselves as they are. They forget middle age and old age.

They ignore the joys of parenthood and of later life with children launching out on their own. They have no conception of the satisfaction of husband and wife developing together, each finding ever increasing interest in the other and in the joys and problems of the family.

I believe the experimenters are foolish, because it has been proved throughout the centuries that the old rules work best and provide the maximum justice.

ANOTHER cause of breakdown arises from the absence of preparation for marriage.

Parents should see to it that before their daughters marry they are equipped with sufficient knowledge to make good, clean homes, and to provide good, varying meals; such knowledge can go a long way to build a good home.

And both young men and young women should, before they marry, know the fundamentals of sex life, learned from a decent source and not from dirty talk. If parents will tackle this aspect of marriage themselves, they should find a suitable doctor who will undertake it.

LONDON'S AUTUMN HAT SHOW



British women will be wearing feathers in their hats this autumn.

Plumes of all kinds were seen at the recent autumn hat show at Dorland Hall, Regent Street. Veiling was also important.

Above, two of the more attractive styles shown at the British Millinery Exhibition. The model at left wears a dressy feathers-and-veil hat suitable for late afternoon and evening; her companion a more casual style featuring feathers of another type.

At right, a striking combination of white silk velvet, white veiling, and white osprey pom-poms.



LITTLE SUGAR IS NEEDED IN THESE CAKES FOR TEA

By DIXIE TAYLOR

WITH most families tea time isn't tea time unless there is cake.

It's not easy for the Colony homemaker to fill the demand every day, since the brown sugar ration is small and white sugar is expensive. Any recipe which calls for a comparatively small amount of sugar always is welcome addition to the cook's storehouse of information.

From America comes a recipe for Graham Cracker Cake, suggested by Charlotte Adams, Associated Press food editor. This cake has an unusual flavour because of the use of graham crackers, which are available in most Hongkong and Kowloon shops. Other advantages are that it requires a fairly small amount of sugar, keeps well, and is large enough to fill the average family's sweet tooth for at least two tea times.

Here is how you make it:

1/2 cup shortening
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla flavouring
2 eggs
1/4 cup graham cracker crumbs
1 1/2 cups sifted flour
2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup milk

Cream shortening and beat in sugar gradually. Beat in vanilla. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well. Stir in graham cracker crumbs. Sift flour twice with baking powder and salt, and add alternately with milk to the egg mixture. Pour batter into a well greased cake dish, 8 inches square. Bake in a moderate oven about 40 minutes.

Miss Adams recommends white sugar for the batter, but I have found the rationed brown makes a satisfactory product. Of course the cake is not as light, due to the sugar's coarseness.

Here is the icing suggested by the Associated Press food expert:

2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons flour
1 egg
10 walnut meats

Melt butter in saucepan. Add the brown sugar and egg, into which the flour has been beaten. Mix well. Cook over low heat six to eight minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and pour over top of cake. Arrange walnut meats on icing. Return cake to moderate oven for five to seven minutes or until topping is firm. The walnut may be omitted if desired.

If you can't spare the sugar for the icing, try spreading the top with melted sweet chocolate. Or top it with lined apple sauce, remembering to put the apples on until just before serving.

Small Spice Cakes also require very little sugar—only a half cup for two dozen cakes. They are made as follows:

1/4 cup shortening
1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs, beaten separate
1/2 cup treacle
1/2 cup sour milk
1 1/2 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon clove or nutmeg
1 teaspoon soda
1/2 cup chopped raisins (optional)

Cream shortening and add sugar gradually, stirring constantly until all the sugar is in and the mixture is smooth. Add egg yolks and beat well. Sift the flour with the spices and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Mix soda with the treacle and sour milk. Add milk and flour mixtures alternately to the batter, beating well after each addition. Stir in the raisins. Lastly, fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites.

Put the batter into small cake tins which have been greased well, and bake in moderate oven about 20 minutes.

If you want a richer product, add 1/2 cup chopped nut meats with the raisins.

Fashion Sells Child Frocks

New York.

It's not necessarily but fashion that gets American women's dollars into department store tills.

Milliner Sally Victor and Fabric Designer Hope Skillman said that right out loud.

They were warning buyers of infants' and children's clothes to shrug off the practical gentlemen who had just promised them a future of fabrics that wouldn't wear out.

"Where does that leave you?" Mrs. Victor asked the storekeepers. "Young mothers don't care how long Susie's dress is going to wear as long as it looks well on Susie," Miss Skillman argued.

"This would be deplorable" of the mothers, she admitted candidly, except it's so good for business. If the children's wear business doesn't catch hold of the idea, she warned, "people like me will be taking your business away."—United Press.

UTILITY CLOTHES

CAROLINE FOX has a good word for Britain's utility clothes.

"It seems to me," she writes, "that the much maligned utility scheme has done a great deal to raise the standard of inexpensive clothes, as well as fulfilling its original function of keeping prices moderate."

The secret of good utility clothes is that mass production methods are applied to careful design, and the finish is excellent. Hemlines do not show, seams are properly pressed, and inside seams are pinked.

Little Old Lady of Margate



The pipe-smoking, white-haired widow from Radlett, 75-year-old Mrs. E. M. White, who at Margate recently became No. 1 Socialist conference personality by scoring her "equal pay for women" victory over the party executive.

KITCHEN GADGET

ANNE EDWARDS, writing from London, describes a new and good kitchen gadget idea—an aluminium casserole with a separate "handle."

The casserole is so designed that the handle fits either into the dish proper, or into the lid. The housewife keeps the handle outside the oven and uses it for lifting the lid or the casserole.

Gadgets like this brighten the life of the errandless cook—who all too often gets a burned hand in oven cookery.

No Buttons On Expensive U. S. Frocks

New York.

There aren't any buttons in Mary Black's one-room dress factory.

"They get in the way," she says. "Women who have beautiful jewels like to show them off."

Women who don't have beautiful jewels probably don't buy much of the black merchandise. Her undecorated dresses—all closed with zippers—sell for HK\$320 to \$1,000 in some 120 retail stores around the country.

But Miss Black is broad-minded about her unwedded customers. She thinks flowers are just as flattering as emeralds. They, too, look better without buttons.

And all women, says Miss Black, look better without belts. She's turned out some tricky seeming to flatter their waistslines and she won't sell a belt unless she's begged.

The expensive simplicity Miss Black is turning out this season favours slowness and drapery which floats when it walks. There is considerable V-necking, particularly at the waistline, where it serves two purposes, she says—flattery and almost universal fit. Her peplums follow the same wing lines.

An occasional artificial flower finds its way onto an evening or afternoon dress. Another evening dress has a bow tied through its neckline. But both flowers and bow are removable for replacement by the buyer's own glitter or gardenia.

A reasonably spectacular woman won't need even that. The beautiful materials and lovely lines of the black creations will do plenty for her.—United Press.

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Mawan Beach

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Patricia's diamond engagement ring

She's Engaged!

Eyes of emerald green—skin smooth as porcelain—that's Patricia...

Patricia is another engaged girl with an exquisite soft-smooth Pond's complexion. Here is the beauty care she uses every night and every morning.

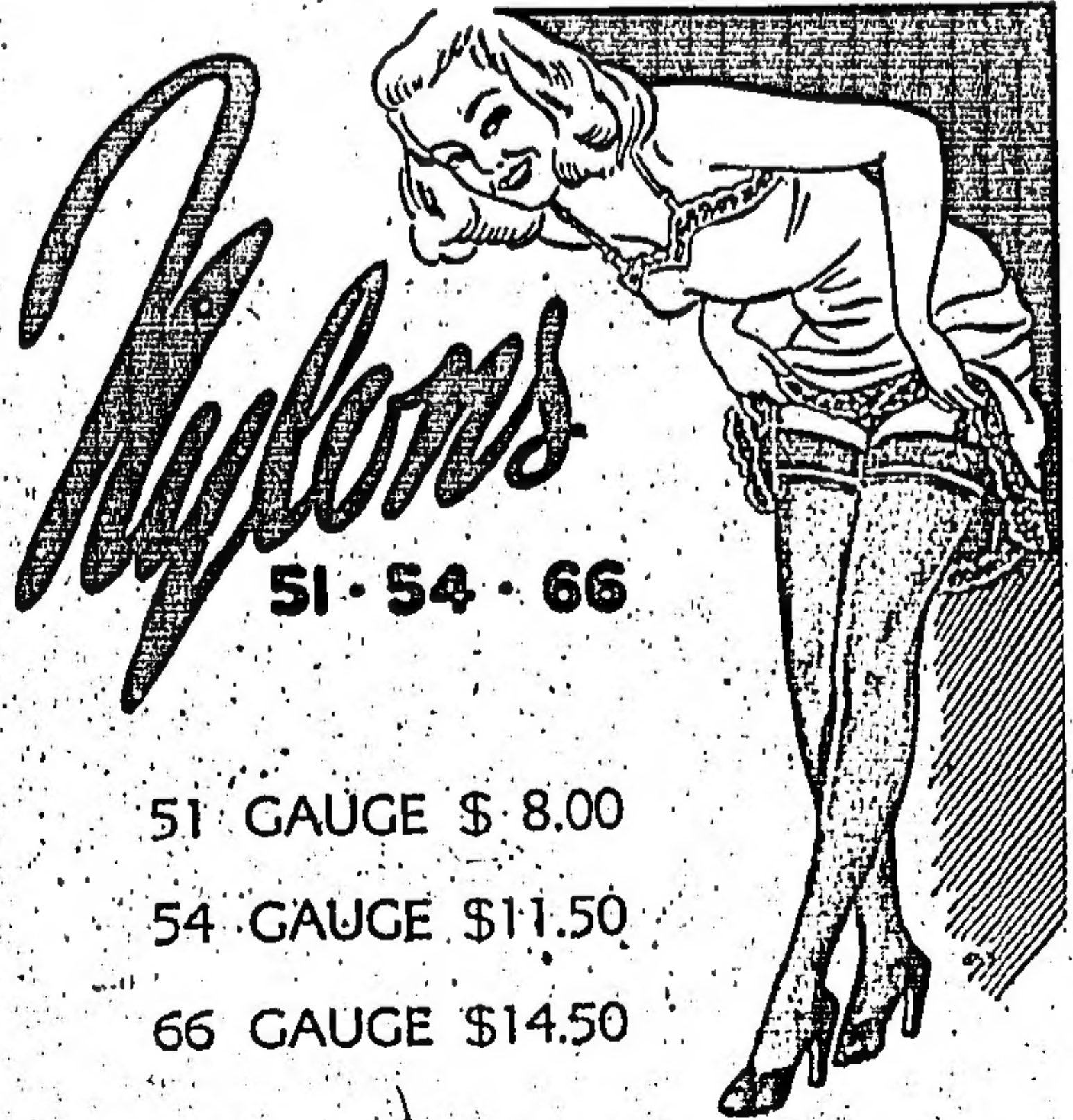
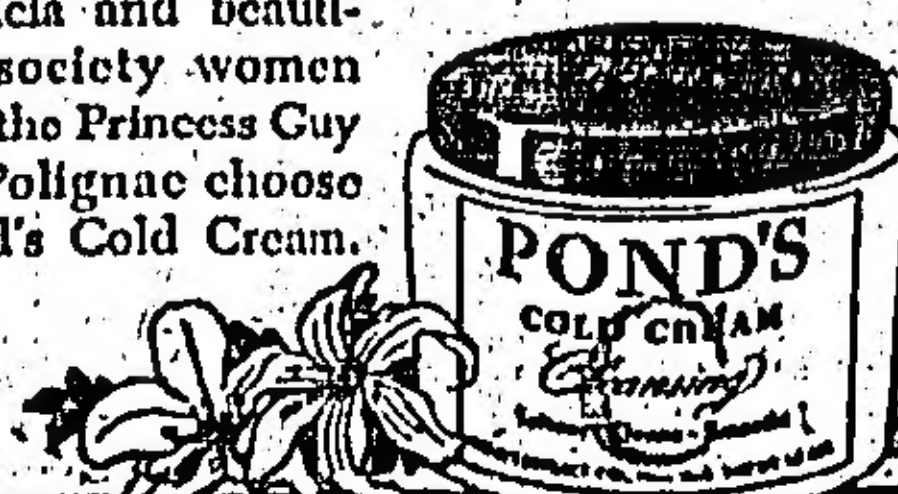
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LABOUR VIEWS PARLIAMENT

—By ERNEST THURTELL
Labour M.P. for Shoreditch

BIG BEN chimes to us at midnight, but our thoughts at Westminster tend to be more concentrated on Mr Morrison's clock, due to strike the twelfth hour before long.

That hour, presumably, will be when we are left with no more dollars to buy what we want from America.

A bleak prospect, indeed. Yet we must preserve a sense of proportion.

That, I feel, is hardly what Sir Stafford Cripps is doing when he defends his newsprint cut as a serious measure directed against dollar bankruptcy.

So paltry a saving (said to be one four-hundredth part of what is required), which will bring many undesirable consequences to a democracy in its train, hardly bears the stamp of an ice-cold legal brain.

The historic Mrs Partington, who gallantly sought to push back the Atlantic Ocean with her mop, seems to have found in our excellent Sir Stafford a disciple in futile defensive action.

GREAT interest, reflected in a full House, was aroused by the Privilege debate arising out of the W. J. Brown case.

The member for Rugby is certainly one of the ablest debaters in Parliament (I would put him among the first six); and he was at his forensic best in defending his personal position in this discussion.

Nevertheless, it must be said that, on the broad issue which emerged, namely, whether or not a member should enter into an agreement such as Mr Brown had concluded with the Civil Service Clerical Association, he failed completely to carry the House with him.

Indeed, although that agreement may have been entered into in good faith by both sides, there is no doubt that its nature surprised and shocked the House as a whole.

Members felt that, as the agreement was probably the first, so it should be the last of its kind, and they put this view on record accordingly.

LORD LATHAM is ceasing to be leader of the London County Council, and his going will leave a big gap at County Hall.

It is more than seven years since he followed Mr Herbert Morrison in the onerous task of controlling the administrative machine of the County of London.

It says much for his quality that he leaves this machine as efficient and as well disciplined as it was when he first took over.

Apparently the retiring leader wants a rest, and he certainly is entitled to one.

Moreover, he has many important private interests which will no doubt claim his attention.

Yet I confess I should be surprised if so experienced and able an administrator were left indefinitely to pursue his private affairs unless he puts up a very determined resistance to those who would have him do otherwise.

THE Prime Minister, in closing the third reading debate on the Indian Independence Bill, ended a memorable chapter of parliamentary history.

He must have felt that this final act of conceding India her independence was a far cry from the day, in 1928, when he landed in Bombay as a member of the Simon Commission and found, by way of greeting, a mass of banners with the simple slogan: Simon go back!

I understand that since assuming office two years ago the P.M. has made the settlement of the Indian problem a matter for his own special concern, initiative, and has worked untiringly to bring it about.

It is not surprising, therefore, that he derived immense personal satisfaction from witnessing the passage of a measure by which the great continent moves peacefully from tutelage to freedom.

PRACTICAL MEMORIAL

Like Hongkong, Dorset County has found a practical way to honour its war dead and simultaneously, to help their dependants.

Sponsored by the County Regiment, which is appealing for funds, the war memorial will consist of a house in every town and rural district in the county. These will be allotted to widows with children of men killed in action, to disabled ex-Servicemen, and, in special cases, to war veterans themselves.

Ownership of the houses will be vested in the local authorities, and the tenants, who will be selected by the County Regimental Committee, will pay low rents well within their means.

Luton, in Bedfordshire, has also decided that practical help to the living will best commemorate the war dead. A memorial fund has therefore been started, the first £50,000 of which will be used for grants to ex-Servicemen and women and their dependants in disability or difficulty. The second £50,000 will build a new wing for Luton's hospital.



SURVEYING THE SITE

FRAMED on the white-washed wall of a British officers' mess I found this hand-scribbled and unsigned verse:—

"Parching droughts and
raging flood,
Months of dust and days
of mud,
Mixed monotony and blood—
That's Waziristan."

It may not have been great poetry, but it was a neat summing up of outpost duty on the North-West Frontier.

The mess faced north towards a strip of parched plain quivering in the heat. Beyond the plain crouched the forbidding barrier of rocky mountains of tribal territory, stretching away to Afghanistan. The square, squat watch-tower of the outpost was pitted with marks some half a century old, where the bullets of tribesmen long since dead and avenged had wasted themselves.

This was a North-West Frontier fort, the almost theatrically grim exile of nearly four generations of Englishmen.

Without knives

SOON, like hundreds of other lonely brown mud and stone built forts along the tribal border, it will belong to the forces of a free Dominion. The Frontier's 98 years of association with British soldiers, closer than that of any other part of India, is ending.

The strong traditions and loyalties shared between the British and their Pathan allies becomes a short closed chapter in the Frontier's thousand years of changing loyalties and rebellions.

The strangest thing about this latest political transformation of the Frontier is that it has begun, for the first time in history, without the final votes of the knife and gun and sword.

The fiery Pathans have accepted all the neat constitutional paraphernalia of the West... ballot boxes, super-vising officers, and regulations which even specifically banned such well-established customs as the sale of votes.

Soon the old Pathan regulars, who carry folded among their "coats" the faded testimonials of loyalty and the tattered Mutiny medal ribbons of their grandfathers, will go off home to their villages in the distant hills.

Excitement

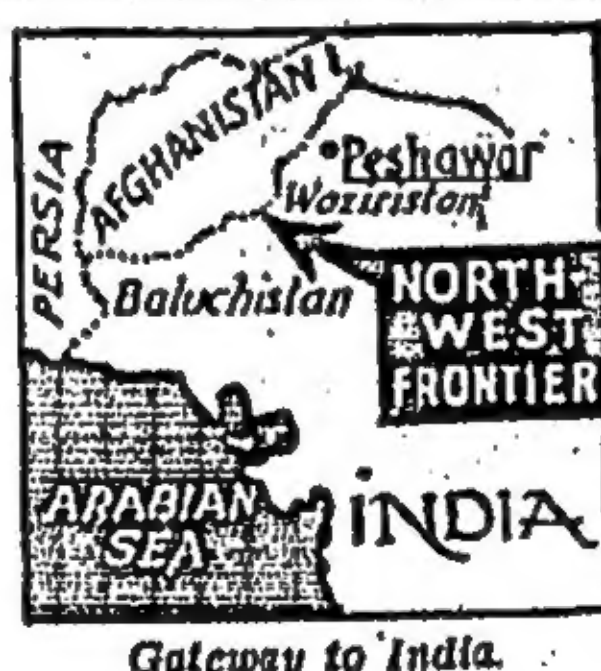
ONLY ten percent of them have a vote. Some of the rest may be puzzled by the new loyalty asked of them. Most are beginning to realise that with the re-entry of the Frontier into the open political market, in which Afghanistan has hurriedly staked a claim, the rosier days of scheming, tribal raids, looting and kidnapping, are on their way back.

The tribesman looks on this future not with gloom but with a gleam in his eye. When those troublesome and stubborn infidels are gone...

there may be hopes for a brisker life. And death, too.

Two areas

THIS is the land we are leaving, the best and most regular training ground for a good scrap that British officers and men have ever had. It has cost us lives and paid us only this—a watched and guarded gateway to India.



The Frontier Province is roughly divided into two areas. The 10,000 square miles southern half running up to the foothills has a population of 3,000,000, and is governed like any other Province.

North of it runs tribal territory, including North and South Waziristan, 24,000 square miles of barren rugged mountains, the forbidden fastness of 2,500,000 tribesmen. It is along the boundaries of this never subdued tribal area that British and Indian forces garrisoned in their isolated little forts have waged a steady guerrilla war against the swift and ruthless sorties of the tribal hunters and kidnappers.

Apart from regular Indian Army units under British officers, posted to Frontier duty, there are eight permanent Scout regiments, a tough militia of 18,700 men under British officers, whose whole-time job has always been to keep the tribes in order.

500,000 fighters

THE tribesmen, all Moslems, and for the moment supporters of Pakistan, could put half a million sharpshooting fanatical fighters down on to the plains at any time. Their stock of arms is reported officially as 1,000,000 rifles. Many

of these are stolen British Army issues, but most are miraculously made imitations, turned out on the bicycle-driven lathes in the primitive cave factories of the mountain passes.

So far the tribes have been prevented from making a major sweep on to the plains by the vigilance of British forces, by an annual wheat subsidy and cash gift of £250,000 a year, and by the well-paid employment of their young men as Frontier police and soldiers. So they have only raided the plains in small forces, when the wheat subsidy has been a little late, or the cash slow in arriving, or when they grew bored with their own feuds... or for any other reason.

To Pakistan...

NOW this Province, which, apart from the annual pay-off to the tribal territory, needs feeding and subsidising at a rate of £1,200,000 a year, will belong to and must be controlled by the new unknown quantity, Pakistan. The Frontier forces will be handed over to Indian officers.

Afghanistan has begun stirring the imagination of ambitious tribal leaders with ideas of a breakaway. Until and unless Pakistan can prove its economic, political and military soundness, the tribes will be likely to enjoy their nuisance value—and loot—more than they have done for almost 100 years.

Out on the plains the herdsman carries his gun, and often a dagger slung down the back of his neck, handy to knife an argumentative neighbour.

Memories

ONE by one the flag of Islam is replacing the Union Jack over the sunbaked outposts where Englishmen found that "mixed monotony and blood."

The land with the highest proportion of gunmen in the world has peacefully voted the Shikhs out. Maybe it will accept its new loyalty with a little old-fashioned skirmishing in the next year. If that is so, you can be sure of one strange thing. In Chetwam, Tunbridge Wells, Harrogate and the Malvern Hills there will be some hearts which will beat with an uncontrollable nostalgia as the word goes around "The Frontier's at it again."

The Guilds Of The City Of London: No. 4

Watching London's Fish Market

By BARRY PEAK

THE Fishmongers' Company, one of the 12 Great Livery Companies of the City of London, has been in existence for over 700 years, and it is still largely concerned with Britain's fishing industry.

According to tradition, the first Royal Charter was granted to the fishmongers by King Edward I (1272), but the Fishmongers were a strongly organised community long before this date. This and succeeding Charters, issued by Edward II and Edward III, did much to put power in the hands of the Fishmongers—they were virtually given a monopoly. The Charters provided that no fish could be sold in London except by the "Mystery" of Fishmongers. It was also ruled that the Wardens of the Company were to control the buying and the selling of fish and to ensure that only good quality fish was offered for sale. This did much to safeguard the public and was an important service, as fish was one of the chief necessities of life in the Middle Ages.

A further nine Charters were issued to the Company between the reigns of Richard II and James I which formally incorporated the Company and laid down the rules governing its activities with regard to trade.

Era Of Expansion

THE 14th century was an era of expansion and saw the wealth and influence of the Fishmongers increase enormously. Trade was good, for the Company held complete monopoly and exercised its power by taking a prominent part in City affairs. At this time there was much strife over the question of monopolies. On one side were the Guilds holding monopolies and headed by the Fishmongers, and on the other side were the Craft Guilds who wanted free trade in food, but not in the goods they themselves manufactured.

In 1381, Sir William Walworth, the Prime Warden of the Fishmongers' Company, slew Wat Tyler, the leader of the Peasants' Rebellion in Smithfield Market, when Tyler threatened the life of the young King (Richard II). Two years later John of Northampton, Lord Mayor of London and leader of the Free Trade party, persuaded the Common Council of the City of London to declare that the Fishmongers had no right to monopolise the fish trade. This decision was later confirmed by Parliament, but was revoked by Richard II in 1399 when he granted a new Charter to the Company and restored all their privileges.

Inspecting Fish

UNDER the Royal Charter of James I, the Company's Officials (known as "Fishmeisters") still examine all fish entering London's markets. In these postwar days the daily fish supply that goes through Billingsgate Market amounts to from 400 to 800 tons.

It is the right of the "Fishmeisters" to condemn any fish they consider to be unfit for sale. Should the Company learn of fish being sold to the public, action is taken by the Company and legal proceedings initiated against the offenders under the Public Health (London) Act of 1930.

Another sidelight of the Company's work is concerned with Britain's salmon and freshwater fisheries and the importation of salmon and other fish from abroad. Illegal methods of fishing and marketing during the "close seasons" have resulted in offenders being prosecuted by the Company.

The Company is also interested in the marketing of shellfish. Samples of oysters, mussels and other forms of shellfish coming to London from other parts of Britain and from

abroad have to be examined by the Company's bacteriologist at the London Laboratory. Should samples examined not come up to standards required, sale is prohibited and enquiries instituted at the source of supply.

This work on food does much in guarding against the spreading of typhoid and other diseases. The benefits from this sensible control are felt throughout the whole of the United Kingdom, as provincial medical officers of health keep in constant touch with the Company. In recent years the Company has endeavoured to stop the pollution of rivers and has set up a body known as the Central for Rivers Protection.

In keeping with other Companies of the City of London, the Fishmongers do much work of an educational and charitable nature, and a major proportion of the funds are set aside for this purpose. Gresham's, a famous school, belongs to the Company and is maintained by it as well as almshouses. There are also many scholarships to universities and schools, and large sums of money have been and are being spent on technical education.

Thames Race

THE Fishmongers' Company have also acted as Trustees of the Thames Race known as "Doggett's Coat and Badge". This traditional sporting event was instituted in 1715 by Thomas Doggett, a famous comedian. The race was to commemorate the accession of George I to the throne, and in his will, Doggett left money and instructions that the race should continue perpetually. This is the oldest known sporting event open to young watermen, who may compete when they complete their Articles of Apprenticeship and are given the freedom of the Watermen's Company.

Although their tradition survives, the Fishmongers' Hall was destroyed during World War II in aerial bombardment, as were many fine buildings which once graced the City of London. King George VI and the Duke of Gloucester are members of the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers.

NEXT WEEK

The Goldsmith's Company

EINSTEIN ON ATOM DANGER

Prof. Albert Einstein, writing in the Hiroshima anniversary edition of the Washington Post, said that two years after Hiroshima the world has not even made a start towards protecting civilisation from an atomic war.

He said no nation would renounce the atomic bomb "as long as it is being prepared for a possible future war," and therefore the only "total solution" is a world government. Not even the United Nations, he said, is an effective step in that direction.

Einstein placed upon the United States, as possessor of the bomb, responsibility for initiating world peace. He said the U.S. must "act in such a manner that its intentions of solving the problem on a supranational basis are manifest beyond doubt."

David E. Lillenthal, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, disclosed that the Commission plans "large additions" to the United States' multi-million dollar atomic plant. He said \$500,000,000 would be spent this year.—United Press.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

DOES anything exist?

In the hope of answering this question, Dr Strabismus (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht may go to Brazil to observe the eclipse of the sun.

The Doctor has long suspected that neither time nor space is anything but a name for something which is not really there, and it is his opinion that the eclipse, if treated as outside the space-continuum, cannot possibly be said to occur in time, since (according to Nibbelhoff's theory of Lagerungsmoglichkeiten, or position-possibilities) four-dimensional geometry assumes an infinite gravitational field which precludes its own existence, a priori. This is known as Spagetti's Law, and abolishes all sense-experience.

Sound effects
FOR a highbrow radio play it was necessary to make the sound of water being poured into a basin. The officials tried trickling mulberry-juice through a strainer. They then flung pellets of cotton-wool at a tin screen, got a man to flip his cheek with his thumb, and a lot of satin pompons round a sauceron, breathed in jerks through a paper trumpet—all to no purpose. Finally

a Director said: "Why not try pouring water into a basin?" They did. But it sounded like a train coming out of a tunnel. Stick to the seagulls, boys, is the unsolicited advice of yours faithfully, Vern Flobb.

In passing.
LISTENING to a tale about an elephant, I remembered my own favourite.

An elephant was walking along a hill-ridge. It missed its footing, slipped, and rolled down into the gully. The first thing it saw when it sat up was a mouse. "I say," said the elephant, "you do look small." "I know," said the mouse. "I've been ill."

Dynamic chess

FOR a long time chess has resisted the mania for speed. Not only has there been no match played between opponents flying at 500 miles an hour, but even the speed of the moves has been left to the players. But now I read of "lightning chess" with the intervals between moves restricted to ten seconds. Everything brisk and stupid. Atta-boy! What about stationing each player 100 yards from the board, and then firing a pistol? The first man to seize a piece wins.

DAVID LANGDON CARTOON



"Wassermaster, Fred? No milk at 'ome?'"

First of a new series of articles
by one of Britain's most famous detectives

SCOTLAND YARD AND THE GUNMEN

It has all happened before
and the gangster never wins

By . . . Ex-Superintendent
T. B. THOMPSON

Ex-Superintendent Thompson, one of the "Big Five," has just retired from Scotland Yard, where his painstaking methods were so successful that he was given a free hand on many important cases. Thompson was the man who caught "Flannelfoot," cleverest burglar of recent years.

Here, from his great experience of crime and crime waves, ex-Superintendent Thompson tells how Scotland Yard organises to fight the gunmen—a fight which the gunmen must lose.

SCOTLAND YARD will beat the gunmen. The killers and the shoot-at-sight crooks of the latest crime wave will be cleaned up as swiftly and as efficiently as we broke their predecessors after the first World War.

The finest allies of the police in ridding Britain of the new gun gangster will be the professional criminals. For once policeman and burglar, detective and thief will work together.

Sir Harold Scott, Commissioner of Metropolitan Police, showed acute appreciation of the psychology of professional criminals when he appealed to the underworld to denounce the gunmen.

They will. Because the average criminal, who is normally a fellow with decent instincts but is too lazy to work, hates gunplay and will do anything to prevent his battle of wits with the police from becoming a shooting match.

Fired as he ran

I CAN recall an almost exact parallel with the Charlotte-street shooting recently. It happened in 1921 when I was a C.I.D. officer attached to "B" Division.

Two of my colleagues recognised a pair of wanted men in a Fulham public house.

They followed them into the street and grabbed them by the arm. One man wrested himself free and ran.

As he ran he drew a revolver. Detective-Sergeant Sidney Woods gave chase, shouting "Stop him." In Park walk, Chelsea, Edwin Payne, a 64-year-old porter, who was talking to a woman, flung up an arm to bar the way.

The gunman swung round and fired. Payne, hit from a range of four yards, dropped dead. Sergeant Woods closed in and the man fired again.

Then, racing across the roadway in the darkness, he swung himself over a ten-foot hoarding and escaped.

The gunman's companion, who was found to be carrying a loaded revolver, had been arrested, and we quickly got to work on him with a close cross-examination.

Once he realised that it was a case of murder he was ready to talk. But, although he put us on to the killer's London haunts, we drew blank.

He had left London with a woman friend and had gone into hiding at Watford. He had cut and dyed his hair and completely altered his appearance.

He could not keep away from London, and in less than a week returned to a flat in Maida Vale.

But the underworld was ready to talk. They were not going to hide a gunman from the law. Within a few hours of his return the word was passed to the police.

We took no risks on that job. It was one of those special occasions, rare in London, when we carried arms. And we

gave that gunman no chance to shoot again.

In the small hours of the morning he was awakened by the light being switched on in his bedroom.

As he sat up he faced four loaded revolvers. There was an armed detective at each corner of the bed.

That man whom the underworld gave up got seven years

for manslaughter. The late Mr Justice Darling, who tried the case at Old Bailey, commented that the jury would have been justified in finding him guilty of murder.

Yard's policy

THE judge was backing the policy. We have always advocated at Scotland Yard, that the severest possible sentence should be given to the gunman and the killer.

The knowledge that even their criminal companions are ready to denounce them and that when they are caught the sentences will be long and may even include the cat is the surest means of preventing the spread of armed gangsterism.

I have had to deal with gunmen on a number of occasions, but often, in the excitement of making "the kill" I have forgotten the risks of being shot.

Once I had to pick up a suspect in a lodging-house off the Tottenham Court-road.

When I got there with another C.I.D. man the lodging-house keeper told me: "He is asleep in the top room. But you had better be careful. He's got a gun."

I sent round to the nearest police station for an armed man, and a few minutes later a sergeant with a revolver came to reinforce me.



Ex-Superintendent
T. B. Thompson.

But when I burst into the room I completely forgot that my "gunman" was behind me.

His torch silhouetted me and I made a perfect target for the man I had come to arrest—while my body screened the sergeant's arc of fire!

If there had been any shooting I should have caught it—from both sides.

Fortunately the suspect was too sleepy to take action. He came very quietly, and I removed the gun from under his pillow at my leisure.

First precaution

WHEN we know that a man we are after is carrying a gun our first precaution is to make sure that he does not use it—on us or any unfortunate passer-by.

We had a real strong-arm squad of senior police officers on duty the night I traced Ronald True and helped to arrest him.

It was on March 6, 1922, that Ronald murdered a woman called Olive Yates in a flat at Kensington.

In less than twenty-four hours I was on his trail.

I had discovered that True employed a hired car driven by a man whose pet was a blue chow dog. The blue chow was my clue. I found the driver with the dog perched up beside him on the front seat. He admitted that he drove for True, told me that he was picking him up that evening at the Hammersmith Palace of Varieties, and—most important—warned me that True was armed.

He did not know that I wanted True for murder. I was then a sergeant, and I hurried back to report to my senior officers.

Superintendent Hawkins and Chief-Inspector Bill Brown of the Yard, Divisional Detective Inspectors Burton and Smith of B. Division all piled into a car with me and we raced down to Hammer-smith.

Grabbed in box

THE driver of True's car was already at the theatre, waiting for him. We took him inside and he pointed out True, who was sitting in a box.

The arrest was a fantastic scene. On the stage was a performing parrot act, and True was leaning forward laughing.

"Now I don't know how many to figure on for dinner tonight!"

WANTED: HARBOUR TUNNEL

— by —
"CANDIDUS"

SINCE referring to the advisability of building a cross-harbour tunnel, I have been given to understand that plans for such a project actually existed before the war. If such plans do exist, surely it is the time to dig them out and give the matter very careful consideration.

There are many reasons why a tunnel would be advantageous, and, as far as I can see, none against (always excepting obstructionists, for some reason or other). If we have any confidence in the future of the Colony, it is not merely enough to think along progressive lines, but to act. The island of Hongkong always will be the main commercial meeting place, but Kowloon will continue to grow, especially from the residential point of view. It is all the more necessary therefore that the most up-to-date means should be provided for the movement of thousands of people to and from their work—quite apart from transients and others.

THERE was a time when Sydney relied upon ferry services to transport the business population to and from the city. Those who remember the many services which were

in operation will also remember the rush hours. True, the great crowds were catered for with all possible efficiency and expediency, but another system had to be provided, and that was the Sydney Bridge, which now carries hundreds of thousands daily by electric trains, trams and motor vehicles. It also carries thousands of tons of merchandise by rail and road.

Would not such a service be of immeasurable benefit to Hongkong? A bridge is not practicable, but a tunnel is. Trams could be extended to Kowloon and its environments via the tunnel. Cargo could be carried easily without the interference caused by typhoons or inclement weather. Workers could reach their homes probably an hour earlier than they do at present and leave their homes for work probably an hour later. This is surely desirable.

It cannot be said that the population is not large enough for such a venture, because there is little likelihood that it will drop far below

the one-and-a-half million mark. It is probably nearer two millions today.

Again it must be remembered that Kowloon is the railway terminus, and it is not too much to hope that one of these days, when Russia comes into line and displays reason and common sense, that Gaiols may be the terminus at the other end.

Of course, the adoption of such a suggestion would knock but the existing passenger and vehicle services monopolies, but such considerations must not be allowed to stand in the way of progress.

If it is merely a matter of calculating the cost of a tunnel, and deciding whether the revenue would justify what must obviously require a considerable outlay, the balance sheets of the companies operating existing services would probably provide pertinent and useful data. Such documents would at least reveal the number of persons or the tons of cargo carried by the water route. I doubt very much whether the high cost of maintaining piers, wharves and floating stock would be required in the maintenance of a tunnel. However, it is an easy matter to discover what is the present demand for cargo and vehicle passenger, and to place the revenue from such against the building and maintaining of a tunnel.

Many interests would, of course, lose revenue, and many shareholders in various concerns lose dividends, but I reiterate that all these considerations should not take precedence over the welfare of the Colony and the comfort of its inhabitants are at stake.

We opened the door of the box quietly and the five of us moved in.

I grabbed True by the elbow so that he could not move his arms. Inspector Burton seized his hands. Superintendent Hawkins plunged one hand into the right pocket of True's jacket and pulled out a Wobley automatic, loaded and cocked.

True was a tall, powerful man, but he did not struggle.

He knew that he had had it. In fact, it was some minutes before he could switch his mind from the fantasy of performing parrots to the reality of a box full of large policemen.

The True trial was one of the sensations of the century. He was found guilty of murder and sentenced to death. He was afterwards declared to be insane and was reprieved. He is still in Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

Hard to catch

RONALD TRUE was no ordinary criminal; neither is the gunman of today. He is an amateur in crime.

That, of course, makes it harder for the police to catch him for until he is caught he has no record at the Yard. In a number of recent cases the gunmen have left perfect sets of finger-prints, but they have been of no use to the police, for they do not match any on the Yard file.

They are docketed as "unknown"—and will come in useful one day. If the killer makes the slightest mistake and is arrested on any charge they will hang him.

Meanwhile, all the police have to work on are sketchy descriptions given by excited witnesses, and often these are so contradictory in detail that it is impossible to build up a reliable picture.

The task of tracking down these newcomers to crime is therefore slow, but it is none the less effective.

They used to call me "Patent Tommy" because I never gave up on a case, however long it took to build it up from the tiniest scraps of evidence, but I do not suppose that I am any more patient than my colleagues.

The long comb-out begins with the interrogation of hundreds of known criminals.

When they know that an "amateur" is involved, and that he uses a gun, they are willing to talk.

Usually they have little evidence of value at first, but the police put them on their guard.

Sooner or later the gunman on the run moves into Solihull or one of the other haunts of the "regulars." Then the private tip comes in.

Crook informers

THE professional crook, who would sooner suffer torture than give away one of his own brotherhood, will gladly inform against the killer.

Professional burglars, house-breakers, and the usual run of criminal operators, large and small, rarely carry a gun.

For one thing they are frightened of the heavy penalties that will be added to their sentence if they are caught; for the "pro" is a realist, and he weighs up the chances of the sentence for each job he does.

More than one crook has said to me, when I have arrested him: "Of course, I've got to do my bird." In other words, he looked on his bird—or term of imprisonment—as the premium he paid for earning his living.

But the gunman has not the sense to acquire the habitual criminal's philosophy.

He wants things all his own way, and when he carries a gun he eventually puts himself into the position of being forced to use it.

That is the beginning of the end. The patient, systematic police method of elimination will eventually isolate him among the millions of his fellow citizens as clearly as if he were on a desert island.

Police and arms

I HAVE mentioned that on occasions where it is known the man is armed and may be violent, police officers draw weapons from the station armories.

Fortunately these occasions are few, and it is strongly against the policy of the Yard to arm police.

In spite of the recent minor crime wave, shooting matches are rare in Britain. But if the police were armed some criminals would consider that they were bound to carry guns in self-defence.

Each side would become trigger-happy, and the streets of London as dangerous as those of Chicago or the Bowery in the hey-day of the American gangs.

The gunman may appear to be winning today.

But have no doubt that within 12 months our unarmed police will have wiped him out as smoothly as we did 20 years ago.

NEXT WEEK:
West End Vice



WITHIN a few years of its founding in 1887 the Manufacturers Life expanded into foreign fields. The representatives who pioneered this development were truly "Gentlemen Adventurers"—their search for new avenues of business was an advance into the unknown.

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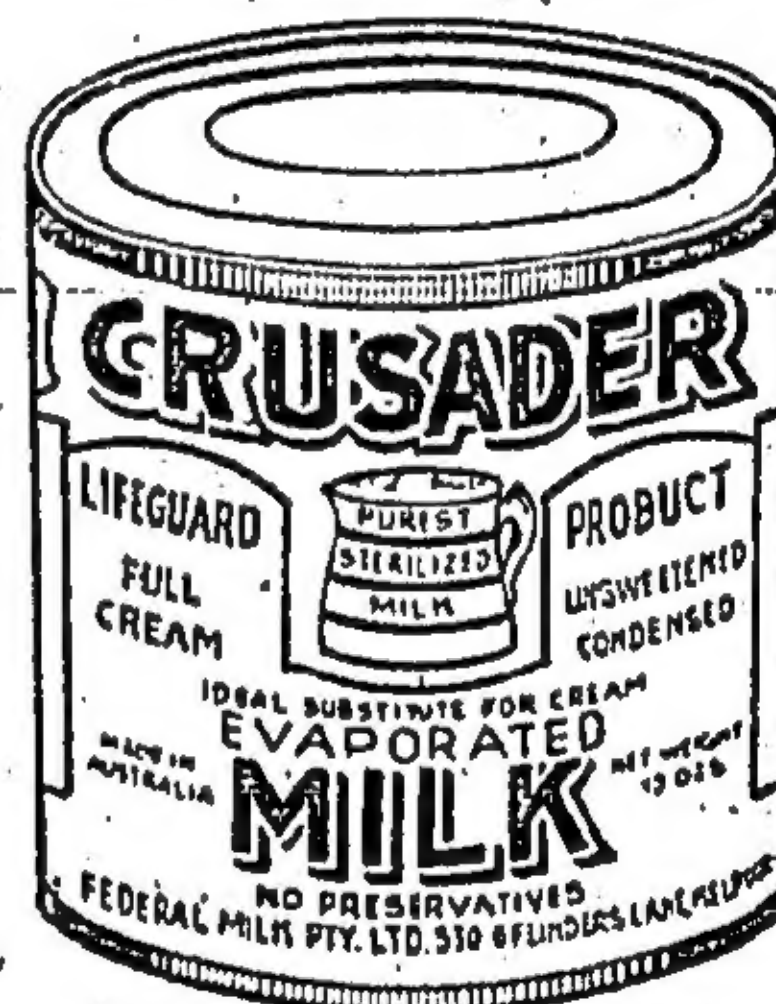
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Amounts totalling nearly \$500,000 were paid recently on behalf of the Netherlands Indies Government, by the Netherlands Consul-General at Singapore, Mr. M. F. Vigevano, to six Chinese trading companies in connection with claims which arose out of the seizure of cargoes by the N.E.I. Government at the beginning of this year.

The amounts paid represent a voluntary compensation in view of special circumstances prevailing at the moment of the seizures.

These circumstances were that the trading companies concerned were at the time not sufficiently aware of the implications of the N.E.I. import and export regulations.

The amounts paid have been accepted by the trading companies in full settlement of their claims and the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce has undertaken to urge all its members to "obey the request of the Singapore Secretary of Economic Affairs to adhere in the future to the Netherlands Indies import and export regulations when trading with N.E.I.

LONGEST RUN ON BROADWAY

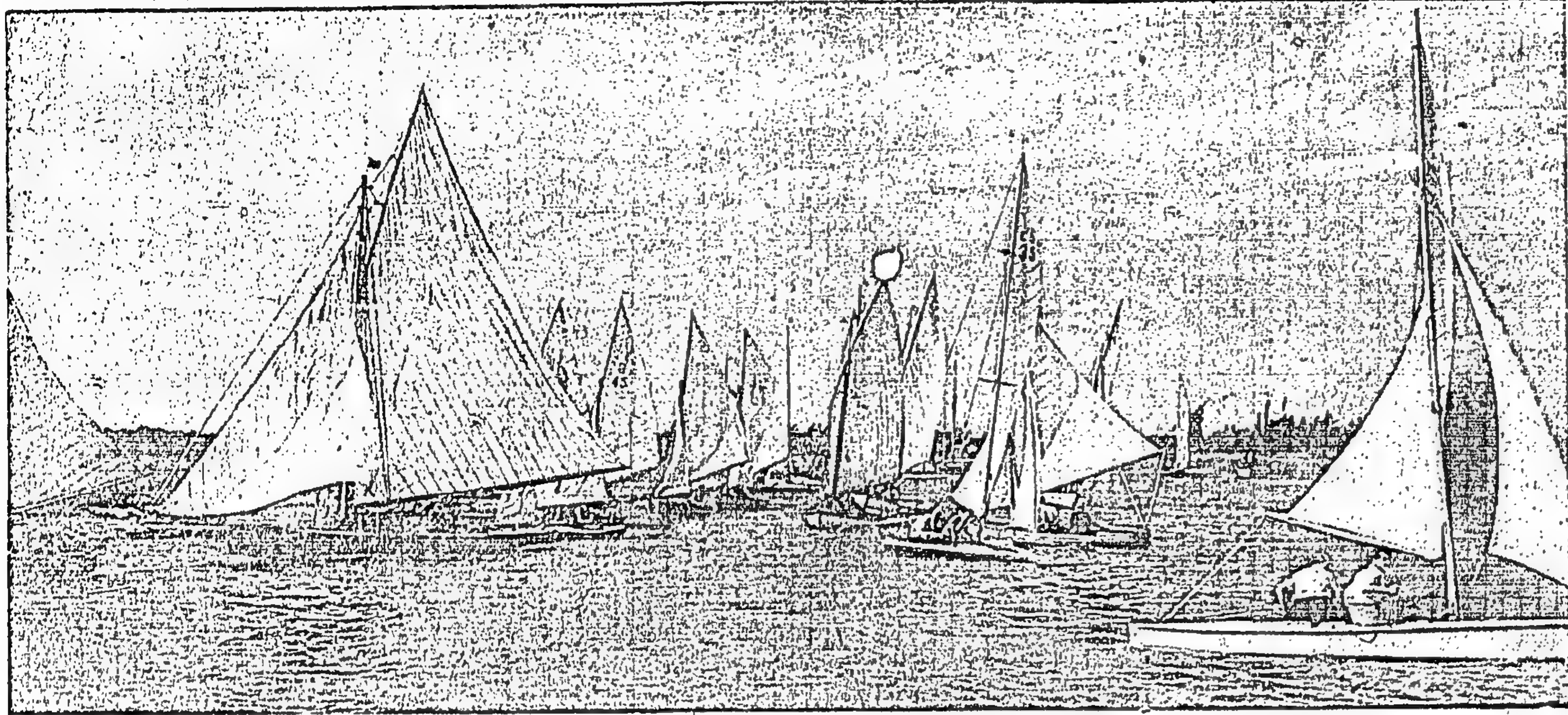
Now that "Life With Father" has departed with Broadway's longest run championship safely to its credit at 3,215 performances, here is the picture of the long-run attractions still on Broadway on July 19:

"Oklahoma!", 1,844 performances; "The Voice of the Turtle", 1,304; "Harvey", 1,160; "State of the Union", 701; "Born Yesterday", 610; "Call Me Mister", 520. Another week will place "Annie Get your Gun" over the 500 mark.

"Life With Father" managed to grind out 33 more performances than did "Tobacco Road," the record-holder which it displaced on June 14. In order to surpass "Life With Father," "Oklahoma!" would have to continue for another 1,372 performances, or well over three more years. Popular as the musical has been and is, it seems unlikely that that will happen, or that "Voice of the Turtle" or "Harvey" will linger long enough to endanger the new mark.—United Press.

SPORTS FEATURES

SAILS COME OUT ALONG THE NORFOLK BROADS



A typical holiday scene on the lovely and famous Norfolk Broads. This group of white sails was caught by the camera at Wroxham, where sailing is the most popular of all the sports.

Why Can't European Boxers Kayoe?

(By ROBERT MUSEL)

LONDON.—In this year of big purses a knockout punch can be valued roughly at say £250,000 for a heavyweight (provided he can box a little, too) and proportionately less—but still plenty—for the classes ranging down to flyweight. Why then are there so few knockout artists in European boxing?

I don't know. But I put the question to scientists at London University. They said the famine of knockouts had never come to their consideration before but they would take note of it and advise what were their collective thoughts on the problem.

Professor D. H. L. Evans of the Anatomy Department then called me back and the following discussion took place:

Prof. Evans—Are we correct in assuming that America has a near monopoly on knockout punchers?

Myself—Yes. Prof. Evans—Bruce Woodcock and Freddie Mills here can be considered knockout punchers, too, can they not?

Myself—Yes. Prof. Evans—How about Primo Carnera, of Italy.... Carpenter of France and that fellow.... what's his name.... Uscudum of Spain?

GREAT EXCEPTIONS

Myself—These are great exceptions. The question is why do a great majority of blitz battlers originate in the United States with England a distant second?

Prof. Evans—We have concluded that there is absolutely no anatomical reason for this superiority in punching. But perhaps this will provide a clue: tests show that races originating in North Europe have a more effective reaction to premeditated danger than, say, South Europeans. That is, both react instinctively about the same way to 'immediate' danger. But when the danger is known and its form known—the North European reaction is somewhat better.

Myself—How about negroes, such as Joe Louis?

Prof. Evans—Mind, I am making no hard and fast statements. That would require intensive statistical research. I can merely say that Negroes when young have very fast natural, instinctive reactions.

MORE MENTAL THAN PHYSICAL

Myself—Lots of American knockouts have diverse European derivation—Italian, (Rocky Graziano) Czech, (Joe Baksi) and so on.

Prof. Evans—Personally, I feel a knockout is more a mental rather than a physical quality. Didn't Jimmy Wilde at 84 pounds knock out lightweights at 135 and over? A knockout is a ripple of nerve and muscle that travels up the body and along the arm to the fist. It takes mental direction to make that ripple explode at the precise moment at the precise spot that will induce temporary unconsciousness.

Myself—They sometimes call that 'killer instinct' in the United States.



British Athletic Prospects Brighter

(By RECORDER)

With the full results of the recent English AAA Championships to hand it is now possible to predict that Great Britain's showing in the Olympic Games at London next year should be fair enough.

Early season performances promised very little and the English athlete takes, it seems, a good three or four months to warm up to his best performance. The probable English team looks respectable on paper but the Olympic Games will start a good month before the third week of July when the AAA Championships normally take place.

Britain is weak in the sprints and the quarter-mile. Best bet up to the 'quarter' is E. Q. F. Coffe, of Edinburgh University, a Nigerian student in Scotland who has done good times on poor tracks. The surprise of the AAA Championships was the fact that British athletes, always strong in the quarter, were blanked out of the first three places, which went to an Irishman, a south African and a Swiss respectively.

PLEASANT SURPRISE

In the half-mile, however, there was a pleasant surprise. Tom Whitto of Lincoln Wellington A.C. who finished fourth in good company at Oslo last year, nailing at the tape the strong Dutch runner, F. A. De Ruyter, with H. J. Parlett, of Dorking St. Paul's A.C. a surprise third a fifth of a second behind. Parlett's performance in hanging on to De Ruyter classed him in the list of probable Olympic point-winners.

In the mile too, though Douglas Wilson failed to come through, Bill Nankerville of Balgrave Harriers, who won the Armed Forces 1,600 metres in Berlin last year, came in a nice third in approximately 4.14.4, well behind Garay and Skjhuus, of Hungary and Holland respectively. Bill has

Prof. Evans—Unscientific but as good a description as any.

Myself—By the way a famous American, Arthur Brisbane made a widely quoted comment on boxing. He said "a gorilla could do it better."

Prof. Evans—He was wrong. A gorilla cannot be taught to punch, nor will he make a fist. There are certain human 'sports' with which animals will have nothing to do. Good day—United Press.

yet to improve on this time and is nowhere near his peak. In the Three Miles, the Netherlands runner, J. Lataster, was only 45 yards ahead of H. A. Olney, of Thames Valley Harriers, with G. F. Lucas of Belgrave Harriers another 10 yards behind. It was a good showing for both Olney and Lucas and they can be looked upon to do better next year. Lataster won the event in very respectable time.

ONE GOOD BET

D. O. Finlay is a good bet in the high hurdles. The surprise performer of the day was, however, Captain H. Whittle, of Reading A.C., who took the 440 Yards Low Hurdles in 55 seconds flat, a very nice effort, and followed that up by taking the long jump with a leap of 23 feet 9½ inches. In the former event, D. R. Ede, the London University Champion, was close behind, and in the long jump both Prince Adedoyin and H. E. Askow of Achilles Club were within two inches. With three other English jumpers doing better than 23 feet this year the prospect of Olympic points in the long jump looks very bright.

Better than that, British athletes seem finally to have conquered their inferiority complex in the field events. Though performances are still not up to Continental standards, they are now not far behind and there was nothing at the AAA Games this year comparable to the Continental sweeps of the past.

Alan Paterson, of Glasgow, is the only certain field events point-winner next year. His 6 foot 7½ inch leap at Ibrox Park against Bill Vessie is a very respectable performance, indeed the third best in the world this year and only a half-inch below the very best.

In the disc throw, D. L. Grigg, L. E. Nesbitt and E. J. Brewer have been consistent this season at around 140 feet. Brewer should yet improve. For the first time in history too, there are half-a-dozen English javelin throwers who touch 180 feet and better. A very promising improvement, indeed.

Why Our Tennis Girls Lose

(By ARCHIE QUICK)

Donald Budge, whom I rank only behind Bill Tilden and Henri Cochet as the greatest lawn tennis player of all time, has a theory about the supremacy of American women at the game, and why British girls lag behind.

"Over here your girls are not taught to take deliveries early enough. They wait too long after the bounce and that split second difference has put Brough, Osborne, Todd and Hart, and before them Marble and Bolz, where they are today," he told me at a reception Sir Arthur Elvin gave to mark the American players' arrival in London for the £5,000 Wembley tournament.

Budge, Bobby Riggs, Pauline Betz and Sarah Palfrey Cooke had flown from New York in 14 hours, and after Wembley they plan to play in Bristol, Brighton and Nottingham, and hope to go on to Paris, Brussels, and appear for the Forces in Munich.

PROPER ENCOURAGEMENT

Budge emphasised how greater is the encouragement given in America to parks players than in England, particularly in California where the majority of leading players hail from.

Sarah Palfrey is from Boston, but others like Alice Marble are from Los Angeles where talent spotting is highly organised.

Budge did not think Fred Perry would be seen in England, but the incomparable Fred is one of a touring circus that plays in America's important cities for ten months every year.

Miss Betz, who recently turned professional, told me she had set herself no financial target, but she has already received over £5,000 and she intends to make as much money in as short a time as possible before retiring. She does not aim to get married before she retires either.

MASKELL'S OPINION

Don Maskell, England's leading professional and world's premier coach, attributed the supremacy of the four American women to one of those cycles that come to all nations. France had Cochet, Borotra, Brugnon and Lacoste at one time; England, Perry, Austin, Leo and Hughes; America, Tilden, Wills Moody, Jacobs and Stiefen; Australia her four in the days of Jack Crawford, and so on.

England's turn would come again, he said, but only after an intensive search, great organisation and unremitting training.

Budge told me too that he has now flown half a million miles in America, over Europe and in South Africa.

He stressed that the professional matches between him and Riggs are not set-ups. Both are

British Boxing At Its Lowest Ebb

Flyweight Championship Flop

(By ARCHIE QUICK)

If anything were needed to force British boxing to a new low, the world flyweight championship contretemps in Glasgow was that vehicle.

More than a fiasco, it was a flagrant flouting of public money.

I was the only boxing critic to warn that Jackie Paterson might not make the weight. But all the other boxing writers must have known, and certain the Board of Control, the promoter and the fighter himself knew that never again would he encompass eight stones.

Paterson has had boils, it is true, but that was the natural consequence of wasting like a jockey. And even on the eve of the fight, when over three pounds excessive in weight and admitting his recently lanced right hand had not properly healed, the statement was sent out that the fight was on. It never was. That was why Rinty Monaghan was there. But more about his catenweight fight with Dada Marino later.

WEIGH-IN A FARCE

The weigh-in, scheduled to take place in the deserted ballroom was another farce. It was stated that Paterson had collapsed. That he had worked out at midnight and was still two pounds over. Rubbish! I suggest he gave up the struggle long ago and is now a natural bantam.

As a last veneer there was talk about a £5,000-a-side world title fight at some future date. Rubbish again!

Marino, who may have lost heavily through the protracted stay in Scotland, has claimed the title through the American Association. Promoter Black says he has lost £3,000 on the fight. I can almost believe it.

The British Boxing Board of Control are to hold an inquiry. I hope they probe deeply. We were literally taken for a ride to rain-soaked Hampden Park where, so long ago as last May, at the Rest of Europe v. Great Britain football match I was told Paterson would never go to the scale.

I am convinced too, that Rinty Monaghan was fighting under orders. This was never the Irish-

man who made a fool of Famechon.

NOT IN SAME CLASS

Marino is quite good but is not in the same class as Jurich Montana or La Barba, and he will not beat the Irish lad at his best. Therefore I say that these two will fight again for the world championship always providing the Hawaiian party do not suddenly go home.

The whole time I was in Glasgow, Paterson's manager Pat Collins could not be traced, which is no sort of way to do business, or good publicity either, while Paterson's doctor was equally evasive.

When asked if Jackie had collapsed through nervous condition all he would say was that boxers were always in a nervous condition just before a fight. I ask you!

My critical views on British boxing are well known. I am not prejudiced against it. I would like to see it climb out of the present slough of despond, but such affairs as this give it no sort of uplift.

Arthur Peall says:

AFTER a foul shot by opponent, a striker was left snookered by blue and pink for the last red as shown in centre of diagram. Pink and red were touching and, after taking a cue ball, look at the position a striker nominated brown as his free ball. He then played a cushion as shown and planted red in the left top pocket.

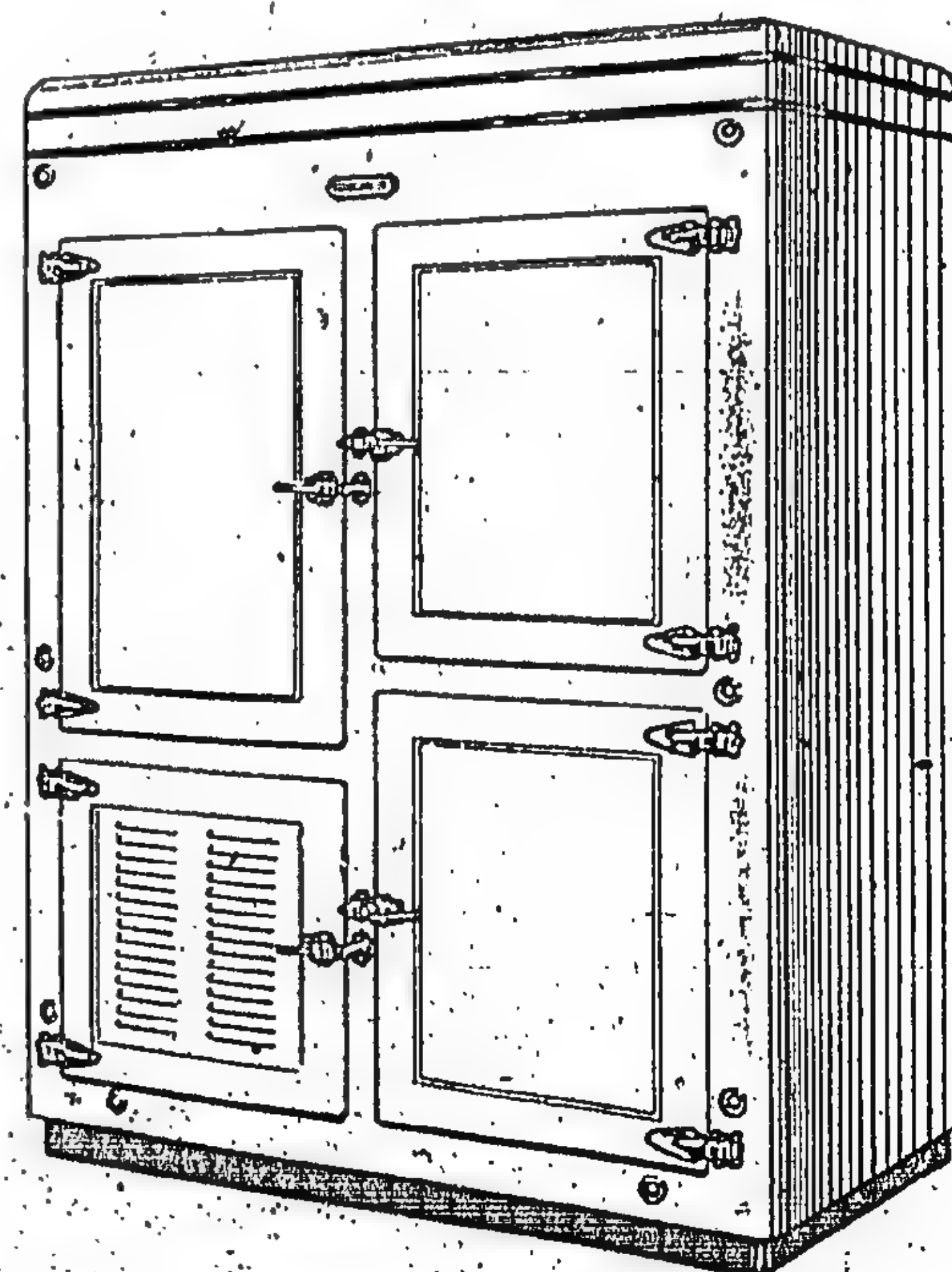


Opponent claimed a foul as such a stroke is seldom seen, but it is in accordance with the rules. Striker scores one point for red and continues on any colour. Turning to billiards, spot end of diagram shows a useful cushion-line stroke to play when a run-through in-off white is likely to miss, play without side, concentrate on the right contact between cue-ball and cushion, and the shot can soon be mastered.

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a plant, bitterness of feeling, simplicity, separation allowance?
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Chimneys, windows, coal, watches, newspapers, race-horses, dice?
4. Two well-known authors. Who are they?



5. These are alternative titles of Gilbert and Sullivan operas. Do you recognise them?
(a) Love that Loved a Sailor, (b) Bunthorne's Bride, (c) Town of Titipu, (d) Witch's Curse.
6. The present issue of National Savings Certificates is the—
Sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth?
7. Meerschaum, from which those yellow pipes are made, is—
Wood, hoof of animal, mineral, bone?
8. The binacle in a ship contains—
Food, the compass, hammocks, fishing tackle, radio, kitchen utensils?
9. Can you name a comic opera based on Shaw's "Arms and the Man," and a play adapted from Dickens's "A Tale of Two Cities"?

CATHOLIC FILM SOCIETY

The Catholic Film Society in Britain is now resuming its activities.

At a recent meeting in London called to consider the future of the Society, warm support was received from Cardinal Griffin. He approved of the constitution drawn up which calls for the promotion of discussion groups all over Britain for the technical no less than the spiritual study of films, and even envisages a summer school devoted to the same ends.

It proposes also to establish, where possible, repertory cinemas where films of permanent Catholic interest may be shown.

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SHAKESPEARE STILL A BIG DRAWING CARD

MOST popular mecca of tourists and holiday-makers in Britain today is not the metropolis or a seaside resort, but a small market town in South Warwickshire, about 90 miles west of London.

The magnet that will probably draw a quarter of a million visitors this year is Stratford-on-Avon, birthplace and shrine of England's most famous playwright, William Shakespeare, whose plays are as popular in England today as ever. There has in fact been something of a Shakespeare revival during and since the war, and several Shakespeare productions in London's West-End theatres have drawn large crowds.

Main centre of interest for Shakespeare lovers is, however, the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford. The annual six-month Festival of Shakespeare plays is an established dramatic event of international importance, drawing visitors from the four corners of the globe.

The modern Memorial Theatre seats 1,200 people, and last year accommodated over 200,000 playgoers, almost all of them coming from outside the environs of Stratford itself. The normal population of Stratford is about 12,000, but with hotels new released from wartime requisition, greater facilities are available for visitors. This year the season is extended to 25 weeks, from April 5 to September 27, and the quarter-million figure is almost certain to be reached.

Foreign Guests

WITHIN the limits imposed by current shortages, the British Council has been making every effort to welcome foreign guests.

The birthday performance of "Twelfth Night" on April 23 was attended by representatives of over 30 nations, while in the first two months of the 1947 Festival, playgoers from more than 40 countries visited the Theatre. They have included directors and artists from the national theatres of Greece, Finland, Sweden, Belgium and Turkey. That Shakespeare is not for an age but for all time, not for a nation alone but for the whole world, was aptly demonstrated by a special feature of his birthday anniversary celebration, known as the "Flags of the Nations." Practically the whole Diplomatic Corps in Lon-

don was represented at the ceremony by ambassadors, ministers and charge d'affaires, and flags of over 50 nations were unfurled by their diplomatic representatives. In turn, a deserving feature of each country paying its own homage to the world's topmost dramatist. The Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Chang Tien-shai, who is a keen devotee of Shakespeare, unfurled the Chinese flag.

The British themselves are, of course, the most numerous pilgrims to Avonside. Some come down from London in special coaches to attend a matinee. Others come from further afield, leaving Lancashire or South Wales early in the morning, while week-end parties travel from the North of England. Many people spend their regular holidays at Stratford long before the main holiday season has begun. A total of 10,000 patrons attended the plays during the first seven weeks of the Festival, and the Theatre box office is continually besieged.

It was not, however, until 1864 that anything resembling the modern Festival was held at Stratford, and its development from simple beginnings to international importance is one of the most romantic chapters in English theatrical history.

First Theatre

WHEN Shakespeare died in 1616, play-acting was banned in Stratford, and in 1622 the Borough Council actually paid the King's Players, members of Shakespeare's own company, wishing to perform his plays in his own town and to act in the local Hall. The playwright's anniversary was not publicly celebrated until 1769, and even then his plays were not performed, the celebration taking the form of banquets, dances and fireworks displays.

In 1827 a theatre was opened on the site of Shakespeare's house, New Place, but it failed to pay its way, and after being turned into a ball-room, was later demolished. A temporary theatre was erected in 1864 and six plays were acted within two weeks. A local resident, Charles Flower, inaugurated a scheme for building a theatre by presenting a site on the banks of the River Avon, and his idea at last bore fruit when the first Shakespeare Memorial Theatre was opened on April 23, 1879.

The Festivals were held for a few weeks each year, and it was not until 1933 that they were lengthened to six months. Frank Benson and his Company played at Stratford for 35 years

almost continuously, and Benson was knighted for his services. The original theatre was destroyed by fire in March 1926, but the Festival continued to be held for six years in the local cinema hall. The new Theatre was opened on April 23, 1932. It seats 1,200 instead of the old building's 800 and is equipped with a modern rolling stage which permits maximum speed of action in the productions, since scene changes can be carried out without delay.

Maintained Morale

THE Theatre was closed during the World War II in 1917 and 1918, but during World War II it attracted larger audiences than ever. Allied and Dominion servicemen, swelling the thousands who poured into Stratford even during the darkest days of the war. Shakespeare plays seem to have had an important effect as maintainers of morale, embodying for many the British way of life they were fighting to defend.

Under its Director, Sir Barry Jackson, the Festival Company is this year presenting its most extended and ambitious programme. The repertoire is increased from eight to nine plays—five new productions and four carried over from the 1946 Festival. The new productions have been well reviewed by English critics, that of "Romeo and Juliet" by 21-year-old Peter Brook causing keen comment. Intense hate, violent passion and no sentimentality were his themes, and his production strove to permeate the play with the atmosphere of the dry, dusty heat of Verona.

All the four directors responsible for the 1947 productions have aimed to get as near as possible to what they consider the intention of the playwright; simplicity and reality have been the main keynote of the presentations. A vast amount of backstage work has, however, been necessary, and the complicated stage machinery has been overhauled for the first time since its installation. In line with Britain's economy drive, the sets have been remade on the spot with old timber and canvas from earlier productions, while intensive work on the Theatre's huge wardrobe has reduced the need for new material for the costumes.

The Repertoire

THE Stratford production of "Richard III" is one of the highlights of the season. The entire company of 60 take part; nearly 100 costumes are used, and the rolling stage has to handle 17 changes of scene.

The Festival repertoire includes one non-Shakespearean play, Marlow's "Doctor Faustus," an established favourite with Stratford audiences, carried over from the previous year.

Leading lady of the Company is Miss Beatrix Lehmann, one of Britain's most distinguished actresses, who plays her first Shakespearean roles. Among her parts are the Nurse in "Romeo and Juliet" and Portia in "The Merchant of Venice."

The Company will end a busy season with the rarely-played marine drama, "Pericles," and then depart on a sea voyage of their own—a winter tour of Canada and U.S.A. Thus Stratford and its Shakespeare actors give double aid to Britain's drive for dollars and exports, both cultural and material. Certainly Britain could have no better cultural ambassadors abroad, and they hope that they will be able to extend their tours to other countries. Already they have several applications on their "waiting list."—Central News.

From Here and There

ANOTHER SAFE HAZARD

Nice.—Monte Carlo, three-quarters empty, has evolved another gambling stunt to attract more people. Visitors are invited to gamble on the weather. Hotels have been authorised to refund charges for any day that has rain. This would be covered by a state insurance scheme. The answer, of course, is that Monte Carlo's rainfall is one of the lowest in Europe, and rain in July and August is a rarity.

NATIVE RESERVE

Adelaide.—Australia is planning to establish a vast new aboriginal reserve in the Northern Territory, 180 miles south of Darwin. The Federal Government has bought a big cattle station at Beswick, to which will be added adjoining Crown lands to create a reserve with a total area of over 1,000 square miles. The native inhabitants of Beswick will be trained as cattle-men.

MONEY TO COME?

New York.—In tenements a short distance from the sumptuous Waldorf-Astoria apartment where

The first international telegraph cable was laid between Dover, England, and Calais, France, in 1850.

Chattanooga, Tennessee, and not Reno, Nevada, as many believe, has America's highest divorce rate.

The diamonds in antique jewellery have not gone dim with age. Diamonds never change. But modern cutting gives the gems greater sparkle.

The first polar bear, born in captivity saw the light of day in the Washington Park Zoo in Milwaukee.

Under the law of Shah—a widely followed Persian religion—a man and woman can be married for any period of time they specify—even an hour.

All metals are conductors of electricity, with silver leading. Copper and aluminium are the most popular commercially because of their low cost.

New York's subway "artists," who add moustaches to the faces on advertising posters, keep one man in a full-time job using an eraser.

A battery device that lights up milady's handbag when it is opened has been devised.

Baseball's first all-glass backstop is in use by the San Francisco Seals, fashioned from tufflex heat-tempered glass.

The modern type of sealing wax contains no wax. Fine red stationery sealing wax, for instance, is composed of shellac, Venice turpentine and vermillion.

The Greeks made the first bed-springs ever used. The springs were made of braided leather thongs stretched between heavy boards at the sides of the bed.

Wearing slightly loose suede gloves is said to have a polishing action on your rings.

A miniature rolling mill at the Westinghouse Research Laboratories squeezes metal into strips ten times thinner than a razor blade. The super-thin sheets are aiding scientists in studies of magnetism.

The mink, whose fur is highly prized by fastidious women, not only looks like an English polecat (skunk), but smells like one.

Half of all the sensory nerves in the human body leading to the brain are contained in the nerve bundles of the two optic nerves.

A special soap has been created for automatic washing machines in hard water regions.

A new pencil is equipped with battery and bulb to illuminate the writing surface.

To clean the oven when something bubbles over, sprinkle salt on the spilled food and increase the heat until the food chars.

the Dowager Queen of Egypt is staying is found. Princess Hassan, 70-year-old American-born widow of King Farouk's uncle, Prince Ibrahim, living on relief. Her income is £20 a month. Her claim is that the Royal Court of Egypt owes her £4,000,000.

TURKEY STEAK

Dallas.—Texas, famed for its beef, now hopes to become just as famous for its turkey steaks. You make a turkey steak by removing all the bones and skin from the bird, cutting up the meat in small pieces and running it through a machine which turns it into rectangular slabs. A 32-lb. bird yields 60 steaks. They cost one shilling a piece retail.

TRANSPARENT PSYCHOLOGY Melbourne.—A Melbourne caterer is saving scores of beer glasses a week by a little trick of applied psychology.

Mr. J. C. Watson, who runs the bar at the big Carlton football ground, employs 10 casuals each Saturday to mingle with the crowd in the bar. Their job is to

reassure thirsty barrackers that there will be enough glasses for everyone to have several drinks provided none are taken away. Result—losses have steadily decreased, and on recent Saturdays have been down to "only" 84 dozen.

MOO-SICI

Wellington.—Because cows are supposed to like music while they work, radios are appearing in New Zealand milking sheds. A brief popularity poll revealed that they do not like classical music but love jazz!

SLOT VIEWERS

Chicago.—A firm here has perfected a system of combining radio and telephone systems to provide television in the home. You dial the operator, call for "phone vision" and ask for "Odd Man Out" or "Brigadoon" or whatever film or play is available. You are charged on your phone bill until disconnected. You can still use the phone while "Odd Man Out" is coming in on your television receiver.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

"The China-Clipper Club" By KEMP STARRETT



TELEGRAPH NEWSREEL



ROSARY CHURCH WEDDING—Sgt William Thomas Davoy, of the Royal Air Force, and his bride, formerly Miss Carmelita de Silva, photographed with their attendants after their wedding last Saturday at the Rosary Church. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



UNMANIFESTED CARGO—Picture of part of the unmanifested cargo, consisting in the main of American oranges and tinned goods, seized on board the steamer Sinkiang last week by Hongkong preventive officers. The goods were destined for Amoy. (Photo: Francis Wu)



MEMBERS of the United Nations Secretariat of different nationalities are shown at the information desk at UN interim headquarters, Lake Success, New York. (Photo: UN Dept of Public Information)

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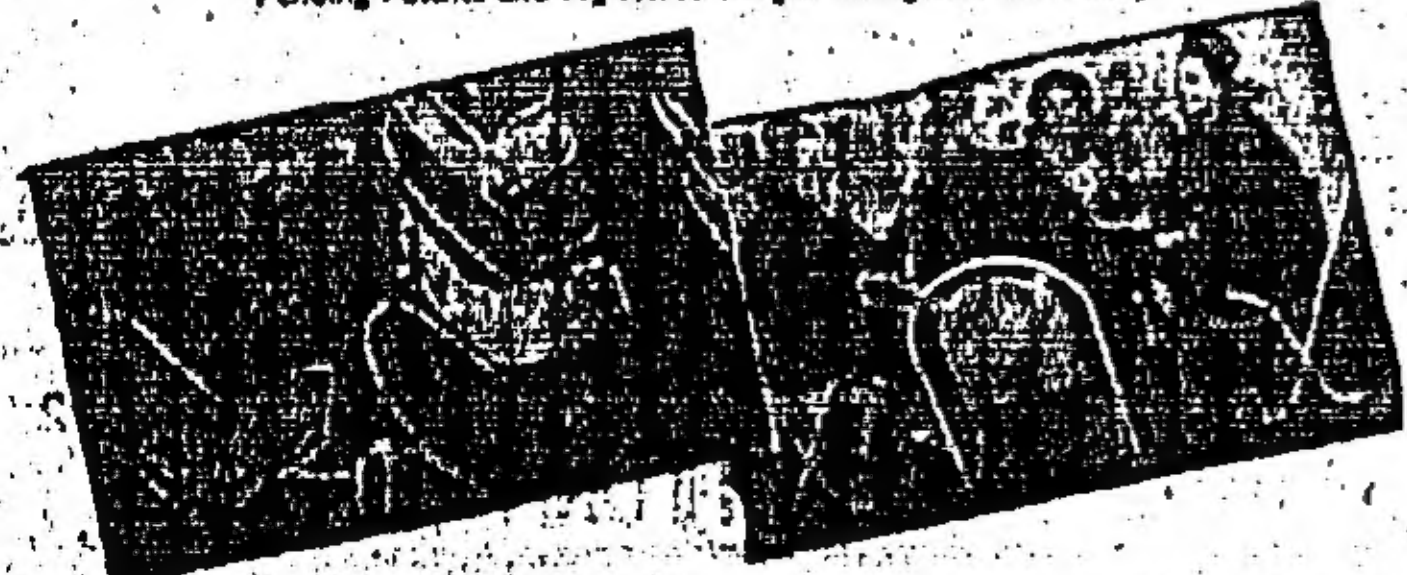
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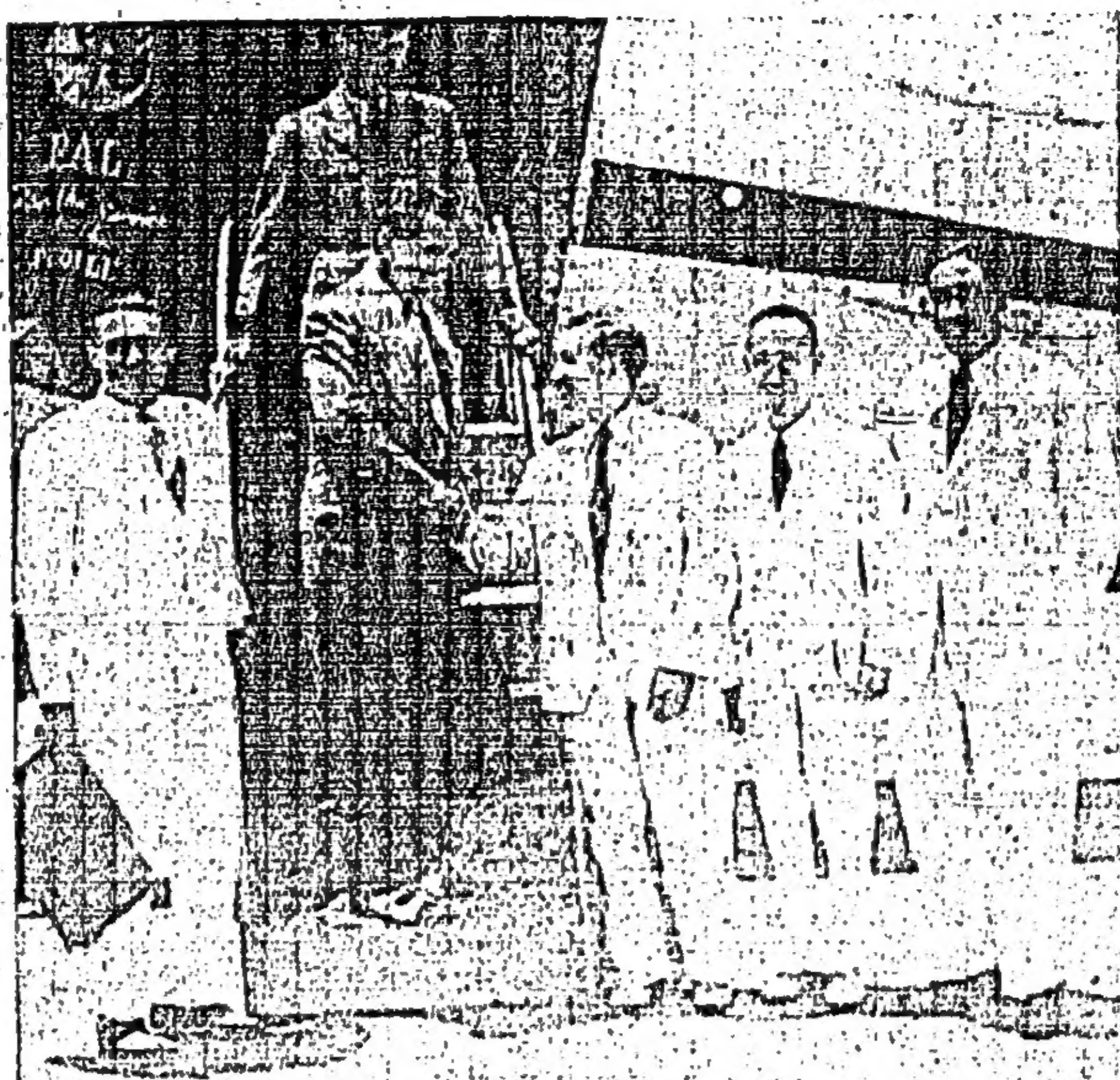


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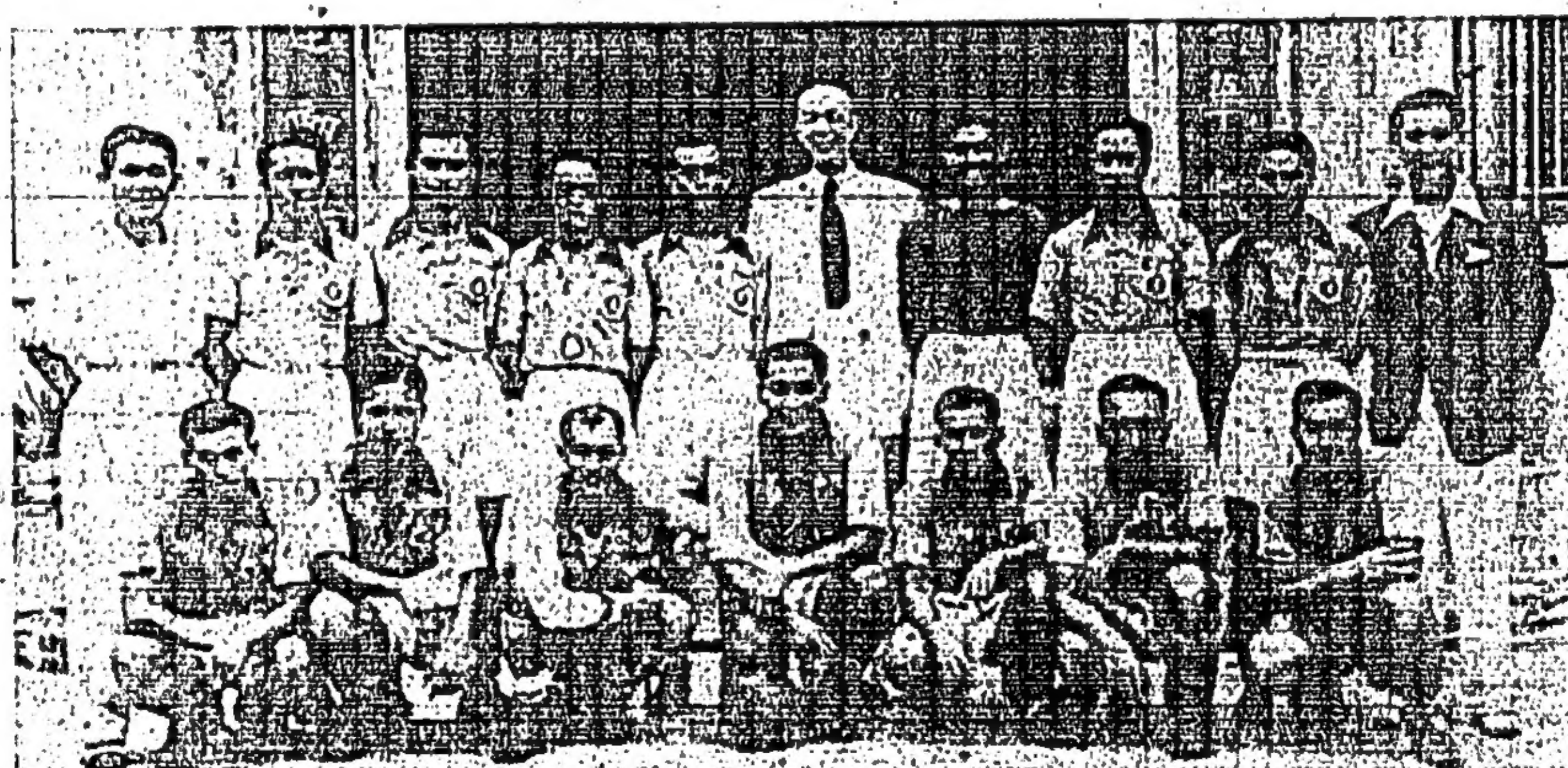
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FILM OFFICIAL WELCOMED—Mr Alfred E. Daff, vice-president of Universal-International Films, Inc., who paid a flying visit to Hongkong last week-end, seen welcomed at Kai Tak airport. Left to right: Messrs M. Berghor, Universal Films Far East supervisor; Mr Daff; Mr George Sun, secretary of the King's Theatre; Mr Ginarn Lao, Universal's local manager, and Mr K. S. Leung, manager of the King's Theatre. (Photo: Francis Wu)



LAI TSUN SWIMMING UNION's ladies, who set a new Chinese national record for the 200 metres relay at the swimming gala in aid of flood relief at the Chung Shing pavilion last week. Left to right: Misses Wong Yuen-ching, Mok Sum-lan, Ko Miu-ling and Tsang Fung-kwan. (Photo: Golden Studio)



SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION's senior football team, which is sailing shortly to play a series of matches in Manila and Bangkok. (Photo: Golden Studio)



AN INTERESTING aerial view, taken recently, of the Kowloon Dockyard, showing a ship under repair in the No. 1 dock and others tied up alongside the seawall. (Photo: Pagoda Studio)



MR RICHARD SILVA and Miss Helen Lo were married last Saturday at St Margaret's Church, Happy Valley. This picture was taken after the ceremony. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



MR LO CHAK-YIN and Miss Young Yiu-ying photographed after their wedding at the Kam Ling Restaurant last week. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



UNITED NATIONS Secretary-General Trygve Lie, and U.S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall affix signatures to the agreement establishing the UN permanent headquarters on the Manhattan East River site as an area under the control and authority of the United Nations. (Photo: UN Dept. of Public Information)

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INDONESIANS THREATEN TO RENEW SCORCHED EARTH

Batavia, Aug. 8.—Renewing accusations that the Dutch were making fresh attacks despite the four-day old cease-fire agreement, the Indonesian Republic today threatened to continue a "scorched earth policy" in the conflict with Holland unless the alleged infringements ceased.

ODOM LEAVES CAIRO

Cairo, Egypt, Aug. 8.—William P. Odom, 22 hours and 40 minutes out of Chicago and a third of the way around the world on his trip for a new solo record, left here in the plane, Bombardier, towards Karachi on a 14-hour flight.

In a 55-minute stop here, he took 1,500 gallons of petrol for his plane and a single glass of orange juice for himself. He converted army money checked out of Farouk Airfield at 1639 GMT. Just as the sun was setting across the valley of the Nile.—Associated Press.

MONTGOMERY BACK IN ENGLAND

London, Aug. 8.—Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, looking fit and bronzed, returned to London by air yesterday after a 30,000-mile, seven weeks' tour of Australia, New Zealand and the Far East.

He told newspapermen that "there is not a word of truth in the suggestions that I have been recalled to deal with Britain's manpower crisis. There have not been any cuts proposed for the armed forces that I have not known about."

He declined to comment about possible cuts of the number of British troops in Egypt or the Suez Canal zone, and also refused to comment on the Palestine situation.

In India, he said he met Jawahar Lal Nehru, leader of the Congress Party, and M. A. Jinnah, the new Governor-General of Pakistan, and liked both very much.

"The British withdrawal from India will take place without any trouble at all," he forecast.—Associated Press.

Peace Treaty Meeting

London, Aug. 8.—A Foreign Office spokesman said today that the United States had proposed that the Foreign Ministers' deputies meet in early September to discuss the Japanese peace treaty.

The proposal, made in a note, was delivered to Britain after the earlier American suggestion for a deputies meeting this month, was rejected.

Britain replied to the earlier American note that she would prefer to wait until after the Commonwealth conference on the subject in August in Canberra.

The spokesman said that Britain had not replied to the new note, but he believed that the initial conference on the Japanese treaty should be held by the Foreign Ministers themselves rather than their deputies.—United Press.

GURKHAS WILL STILL SERVE

New Delhi, Aug. 8.—Indian Army Headquarters announced tonight that the British Army would retain eight battalions of Gurkhas, the tough little soldiers from the mountain kingdom of Nepal, and the rest would be incorporated into the Indian Dominion Army when India is partitioned on August 15.

The announcement said Gurkhas would not be compelled to serve against their will in either army. The men are Hindus by religion, and none will serve in the Pakistan Army.—United Press.

Resistance Man's Hunger Strike

Paris, Aug. 8.—General Alamet, former Resistance leader known throughout France as "The Panther," today completed his eight-day hunger strike in a Paris jail, where he is held on charges of betraying some of his Maquis comrades to the Germans.

The general, who lost 36 pounds and can only walk about with a cane, said today: "My sacrifice will perhaps draw public attention to the inconvertible delay of the law and its misunderstanding of personal liberty."—Reuter.

Quako Kills Three

Paris, Aug. 8.—The French Press Agency reported today that the east Algerian city, Constantine, has evacuated most of its 70,000 residents after being shaken by the second violent earthquake in two days. Three persons were killed, and four seriously injured in the first quake on Friday.—United Press.

The Republican radio at Jogjakarta declared that great stocks of coffee and rubber had already been destroyed by the Republicans as the result of the Dutch moves.

It was reported in Batavia that Dutch troops had found three British subjects, Frederick Woods, his wife Edith, and Albert Ashworth, who had been missing since the Republican guerrillas retreated from the ruins of Malang, in East Java.

The Indonesian military authorities broadcasting from Jogjakarta, tonight announced that heavy fighting was going on on Madura Island, northeast of Java.

Dutch troops occupied the town of Pamekasan on August 6, two days after the cease-fire order, the radio noted.

The island capital, Bangkalan, was also occupied and the people were resisting the Dutch forces, it added.

Two Violations

A Republican Army spokesman, speaking over Jogjakarta Radio earlier today, accused the Dutch forces of twice this morning violating the cease-fire, which began in Java at midnight on Monday.

Jogjakarta Radio has broadcast a request from the Republican Government to the All-India Radio to act as intermediary in the transmission of information regarding the results of the cease-fire order. The Director of the Republican Post and Telegraph Service has suggested to his Indian colleague that regular communication between them should be brought about for this purpose.

In a radio speech tonight, the Republican Prime Minister, Dr. Amir Sjarifuddin, appealed to Indonesian patriots to co-operate closely with the Chinese population and to guard their property and lives.

He asked the Chinese to understand that some Indonesians had done was not the attitude of the whole Indonesian population.

Chinese in Dutch Army

The Republican Government, he said, condemned the action of irresponsible elements. He knew some Chinese were in the Dutch Army and that some people were inciting the Indonesians against the Chinese, but he asked his own people not to fall for "the Dutch trap to divide the Chinese from the Indonesian population."

It was authoritatively stated in The Hague that the Netherlands Government would reject arbitration in the Indonesian question, including arbitration by a Security Council commission as proposed by India.

The source declined to comment on the report that the Netherlands would not oppose United Nations commission to supervise the truce.

UN Action Criticized

London, Aug. 8.—The "unconstitutional" action by the Security Council of the United Nations in intervening in the Dutch-Indonesian dispute has left the Dutch with strategic gains and has left the Americans with the "task of clearing up the mess," according to the independent weekly, The Economist.

In an editorial article, The Economist stated that Holland, not being a great power, had no veto right, and "unless therefore, the Dutch can induce a great power to use the veto on their behalf, they are liable to be ordered about by the Council."

"Action against rebels cannot be considered aggression and, as long as the Netherlands is recognized as retaining sovereignty in Indonesia, its military operations there cannot be a matter for formal Security Council intervention, however much they may be criticized. On the other hand, once the United Nations transgresses its own Charter and starts intervening in what are technically internal disputes, there does not seem to be any logical end to the process."

"The Dutch accepted an American offer of mediation and the Council was glad to leave the matter in American hands."

"As things are, the Dutch have got what they wanted strategically, the Security Council has asserted its authority, even if unconstitutionally, and American diplomacy, with the inducement of American credits as a power lever for obtaining agreement, has the task of clearing up the mess."—Reuter.

Chinese Attitude

Batavia, Aug. 8.—In a cable to Queen Wilhelmina, a former People's Council member, Mr. H. H. Koo, today requested that the Netherlands Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Van Kleeff, be instructed to point to the Security Council Republican terrorist actions against the Chinese population.

Koo further requested that the Security Council be asked to take steps to prevent the recurrence of such actions.—United Press.

Kaiser Wilhelm's Widow Dead

Berlin, Aug. 8.—Hermine, widow of Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm, died yesterday at her home at Frankfurt-am-Main, it was learned today.

A direct check to Frankfurt-am-Main said the cause had not yet been established.

The Kaiserine was 60. Servants said she had been complaining of nervousness and breathing difficulties for several days.

In the spring of 1946, Hermine was picked up by the Russians and brought from her home at Roskilde in the Harz mountains, to Frankfurt to live with her secretary and her three-year-old grandchild, Fritz. She lived comfortably.—United Press.

Farran On Murder Charge

Jerusalem, Aug. 8.—The Public Information Officer announced today that Major Roy Farran was "being held on a holding charge of murder" in the mysterious disappearance of a Jewish youth who reportedly was a victim of vigilantes fighting the extremists.

Farran, a 28-year-old hero of British Army missions with resistance movements in Europe during the war, is being held in Allenby Barracks after once fleeing across the Lebanese border and again escaping from jail while under investigation in the case of 17-year-old Alexander Rubovitz.

Shortly after the announcement that he was being held for murder, the Jerusalem Supreme Court rejected an application for an order for Farran and the Inspector-General of Police to show cause why Rubovitz' body should not be produced in court.

Rubovitz, who, witnesses said, was kidnapped by men in British uniform, has never been found and has been given up for dead.

Farran was placed in a police line-up for witnesses to the kidnapping.

Not Vigilante

The British official denied reports that he was a member of a vigilante gang recruited in Britain for the Palestine police force, and also denied existence of the gang.

The Supreme Court ruled that if Farran did the kidnapping he was acting on his own responsibility without instructions, and the Inspector-General could not justifiably call on him to explain the kidnapping. The Court also ruled that Farran could not be expected to "bring the body," since his freedom was restricted.

Farran can only ask respondent to bring the corpse if it is in his possession, which does not appear to be the case here," the Court ruled.

It is understood that investigations are continuing to discover whether Farran had accomplices and also because of lack of concrete evidence of kidnapping or murder.—United Press.

Change-Over In Korea

Washington, Aug. 8.—An authoritative source told the United Press today that the control of all civil affairs in Korea is being gradually transferred to the State Department, but the State Department denied the report.

Despite the denial it can be authoritatively stated that a change from military to civilian direction of civil affairs in Korea has been started, and State Department officials have been informed of the move.

The United Press was told that State Department officials were informed recently in a "secret" document of the shift in control.

The State Department spokesman, Michael McDermott, at a news conference denied the United Press report of the transfer to civilian control. He refused to comment, however, on the statement that General John Hodge will report to Washington on civil affairs, referring that to the War Department.—United Press.

THE LONG TAXI RIDE

Sacramento, Cal., August 8.—A taxi trip so long that the driver became hoarse was related yesterday by James Smith of Washington, the cabbie.

The fares, Smith said, were N. R. Ramchandani and F. L. Varma, highway engineers for the Government of India who were commissioned to study American roads.

They chartered a bright orange and yellow taxi from Smith's employees in Washington, he said, and started out on a 10,000-mile itinerary at 15 cents a mile.

"I'm a married man and have been homeless ever since I left home six weeks ago," Smith said upon arrival in Sacramento late on Thursday, "but I'm not due back in Washington until August 24."—Associated Press.

Does It Dress For Dinner Too?

London, Aug. 8.—The zoo curator of Regent's Park Zoo is anxiously awaiting the delivery of a cigar box from Nierla containing one of the few captive specimens of the coelocera, a worm with a face and whiskers.

The white worm, classed as an aphid, was captured by the Zoo's collectors in West Africa and is being flown to the Zoo.—United Press.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Henry! We did not come to Margate to conduct an inquiry into conditions of domestic service!"

HOOVER ON TIDE OF DISASTER

San Francisco, Aug. 8.—Former President Herbert Hoover today called upon America to make a separate peace "without Russia and her satellites" to reverse the "tide of disaster" that is sweeping postwar world.

In a statement prepared for release on his 73rd birthday Sunday, Mr. Hoover blamed Russia alone for the turbulent conditions of the world, and added that co-operation from the Soviet was "improbable."

However, he pointed out that "an armed United States can live in reasonable comfort and isolation."

He said: "Another year after the war's end finds the earth without peace, little recovered in production, increasing danger of starvation abroad and alarms of another world war. One nation alone by its refusal of co-operation and destructive acts, is responsible. If we are to reverse this tide of disaster, then free nations have but one of two possibilities."

"First, co-operation from Russia, which is improbable. Second, making peace among peoples outside of Russia and her satellites together with the subjugation of her international poison squads—which is possible."

"If neither is done, then an armed United States can live in reasonable comfort and use our food surplus to stave off starvation and want even if it means isolation—which is most undesirable."—United Press.

French Position In India

Paris, Aug. 8.—M. Charles F. Baron, Governor of French India, who arrived in France last month to discuss the future administration of French India, left Paris for Pondicherry after the Cabinet meeting which discussed the situation in French India.

The Cabinet meeting, discussing the situation in French India, took note of the impending departure of the British from India. The ministers are reported to have discussed ways and means of maintaining French prestige in India, and also of working out a modus vivendi after Britain's departure.

The Cabinet decided that it was impossible to accord double (dual) nationality to Indians, as had been previously suggested. The Cabinet further decided that French India will continue to be represented in the French Parliament.

Well-informed sources confirm that discussions are now taking place at New Delhi between the British representatives and the French for the signing of a treaty of friendship and at the same time drawing up of a plan on which relations between French India and ex-British India can operate.—Reuter.

Jews Had Govt. Secret Files

Jerusalem, Aug. 8.—A Government source said police had found dozens of intercepted government papers in a secret file of Hagannah, the Jewish underground vigilante group.

This source reported that two brief cases full of documents were in the rear seat of a car stopped at a roadblock near Jerusalem. Papers included government inter-office memoranda.

Two Jews in the car were arrested and later released on bail.—Associated Press.

CHINA INSISTS

Washington, Aug. 8.—A reliable diplomatic source said today that the Chinese insisted on holding the formal Japanese peace conference in China because China was the country which fought Japanese aggression alone for four years while some other nations encouraged Japanese aggression directly by indirect means.—United Press.

QUIZ ANSWERS

Robin: Could be either. Male and female robins look exactly alike. Also: Neither. Worker bees—the only ones that visit flowers—are celibates. Snail: Each snail is both a black and a white. The female blackbird is brown.

Jewish Agency Charges Against British Govt.

Geneva, Aug. 8.—In a 13,000-word document submitted to UNSCOP today, the Jewish Agency for Palestine charged that the British Government, "far from doing anything to further understanding, has in fact hampered any rapprochement between the Jews and Arabs."

The document charged that the record of mandatory administration had been one of "continuous subversion of paramilitary law by the arbitrary exercise of sovereign authority in defiance of international trust."

The document, described as the Jewish Agency's "reply to the

Government of Palestine's memorandum on the administration of Palestine under mandate," was presented to Mr. Emil Sandstrom, UNSCOP chairman, in Geneva.

The Agency reply, refuting the Palestine Government's arguments point by point, described the Government's memo as "biased," "pseudo-objective" and "revealing ignorant mentality." It claimed the mandatory power made no concrete effort in the political field to bring about understanding between the Arabs and Jews. In the administrative sphere, "the machinery of government has throughout worked as a brake on Jewish development," while in the economic field "the Government has done next to nothing directly to promote the growth of a Jewish national home" except for a number of technical achievements for the benefit of the country as a whole.

It said the Government had taken no steps towards tapping the country's water resources, initiating reclamation works and providing credit facilities, and was doing nothing against the Arab boycott.

Opportunity Missed

"A great opportunity has been missed and a unique charge has been deserted," the Jewish reply said.

The Agency said the Palestine administration constituted itself the "guardian of the old order, invested with the task of curbing the growth of a national home which might interfere with preservation of that order." It said the mandate had aimed, however, at two-fold regeneration—that of the Jewish people and of Palestine, one to be effected by the other.

Only once had the British Government made a serious effort to reach peace and co-operation between the Arabs and the Jews. The Agency reply stressed that was, when Colonel T. E. Lawrence brought Dr. Weizmann and Emir Faisal together. Since then, the Government "had hampered any rapprochement by consistently yielding to Arab intransigence, thus strengthening the position of extremist elements in the Arab camp, wherein lay the 'basic cause of failure of the mandatory regime,'" it said.—United Press.

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